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films, in which there was no mention of religion, brought to mind questions of faith and meaning all the more intense because they probed into the lives of people apart from any labels.

Sometimes the importance of faith is underscored by what seems to be the lack of it. One minister, after seeing Harold Pinter's play, "The Homecoming," commented, "With Christianity withering away, this is what is left. Let the proudly unchurched take note." Yet we doubt if most viewers, churched or unchurched, were quite that judgmental. Looking at a London family in "The Homecoming," or thinking about a family of well-to-do suburbanites in Edward Albee's "A Delicate Balance," one is moved to feel compassion for persons whose lives are so lacking in meaning that they flee from some kind of strange terror. In another play, filmed for last season, Eugene O'Neill examines the pipe dreams that comfort but do not satisfy the derelicts who gather at a New York bar. As illusions drop away in "The Iceman Cometh," one wonders if there is really no hope for them but only the certainty of death.

Last year's subscribers voiced mixed reactions to one film, an example of the theater of the absurd. Eugene Ionesco's "Rhinoceros" offers a frightening vision of a world in which people are turning into animals—but even more frightening are the explanations they offer for joining the herd. The self-examination this film prompts is almost as searching as the questions raised for viewers in *Butley*, an intense encounter with a British teacher who alienates the persons he most needs to relate to.

Though American Film Theatre offerings vary in interest and value, the first round of eight films proved to be stimulating and thought-provoking. The promise for 1975 is evident in the titles already announced.

Persons interested in attending either individually or with a study group may obtain a helpful discussion guide by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope and a request for "Film Feedback on the American Film Theatre" to Beatrice Rothenbuecher, editor, Film Information, Broadcasting and Film Commission, National Council of Churches, Box 500 Manhattanville Station, New York, N.Y. 10027. □

turning points

Pastoral Placements

Gene A. Burry, to Garrison-Robins, Missouri

Galen H. Brumbaugh, from Buffalo, Southern Pennsylvania, to East Petersburg-Salunga, Atlantic Northeast

Rene Calderon, from secular, to Lower Miami, Southern Ohio

Fred Dancy, resigned from New Haven, Southeastern

James Ford, interim, Morrill-Sabetha, yoked parish, Western Plains

Frederick Hollingshead, retiring Mt. Morris, Illinois/Wisconsin

Preston Miller, resigned, Maple Grove, West Marva

Jay Tilley, to New Haven, Southeastern

Earl Zigler, retired from full-time pastoral ministry

Licensing/ordination

Elizabeth Detrick, licensed July 14, 1974, Stanley, Illinois/Wisconsin

Robert W. Krouse, licensed Aug. 18, 1974, Martinsburg, Middle Pennsylvania

Eleanor Painter, ordained Oct. 13, 1974, Northern Indiana

Charles S. Pitzer, licensed Sept. 29, 1974, Auburn, Northern Indiana

Faith Richards, licensed July 14, 1974, Stanley, Illinois/Wisconsin

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. O. Clark Anspach, Lima, Ohio, 62

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Armantrout, Modesto, Calif., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Loy Bachman, Defiance, Ohio, 60

Mr. and Mrs. Berger Baker, New Enterprise, Pa., 59

Mr. and Mrs. Ovid Barklow, Modesto, Calif., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Berkebile, Johnstown, Pa., 64

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bopp, Johnstown, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Button, La Verne, Calif., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse M. Carney, Nickerson, Kans., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Silver Cummins, Sebring, Fla., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Deardorff, Monticello, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Draper, Flora, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hendrickson, Modesto, Calif., 53

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Henze, Johnstown, Pa., 56

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Keiper, Johnstown, Pa., 61

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kellier, Modesto, Calif., 51

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Loshbaugh, Westphalia, Kans., 55

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Millier, Johnstown, Pa., 57

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Millier, McPherson, Kans., 58

Mr. and Mrs. Oda Neher, Pompano, Fla., 55

Mr. and Mrs. Dem Parrishes, Modesto, Calif., 55

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Perry, Modesto, Calif. 50

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Peters, Dayton, Ohio, 54

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Peterson, Modesto, Calif., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph G. Rarick, Elkhart, Ind., 57

Mr. and Mrs. Roy S. Richey, Ashley, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Royer, Paris, Ohio, 50

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schmitt, Modesto, Calif., 50

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Shaefer, Garnett, Kans., 51

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smeltzer, Mesa, Ariz., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Evan A. Watkins, Welda, Kans., 56

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wilson, Modesto, Calif., 61

Mr. and Mrs. George Wirth, Modesto, Calif., 56

Mr. and Mrs. John Wirth, Modesto, Calif., 57

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Witmer, Polo, Ill., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Zuck, Lanark, Ill., 50

Deaths

David Adam, 73, San Diego, Calif., Aug. 1, 1974

Lee Bacon, 69, Roanoke, Va., Aug. 4, 1974

Mary W. Baer, 80, Friedens, Pa., July 19, 1974

Goldie Barnhart, 78, Roanoke, Va., Aug. 12, 1974

Harry M. Bixler, 72, Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 29, 1974

William F. Bouman, 77, Easton, Md., July 4, 1974

Arthur A. Bouton, 83, Lynnbrook, N. Y., July 8, 1974

Rosina Bowers, 89, Boonsboro, Md., Aug. 19, 1974

Ernest W. Brim, 78, Eden, N.C., Sept. 22, 1974

Walter Buntjer, 64, Polo, Ill., July 22, 1974

James S. Butterworth, 70, Vinton, Va., Oct. 26, 1973

Walter K. Cassel, 66, Manheim, Pa., Oct. 1, 1974

Ludie Holt Clingenpeel, 62, Roanoke, Va., April 22, 1974

James R. Cox, 79, Eden, N.C., Sept. 11, 1974

Mrs. Edris D. Crowder, 72, Roanoke, Va., July 9, 1974

Tracie R. Depoy, 83, Tenth Legion, Va., Sept. 11, 1974

Henry Francis, 78, Parker Ford, Pa., Sept. 2, 1974

Willie F. Flory, 82, Harrisonburg, Va., Dec. 30, 1973

John W. Garns, 65, Elizabethtown, Pa., May 30, 1974

Noah L. Gentry, 75, Bridgewater, Va., Sept. 11, 1974

Herbert George, 68, Wakarusa, Ind., Sept. 6, 1974

Norman Gross, 75, York, Pa., May 27, 1974

Harry Hale, 82, York, Pa., Aug. 17, 1974

Claud B. Harner, 66, Sebring, Fla., Sept. 13, 1974

Ella Grace Kurtz, 84, Carlisle, Pa., March 27, 1974

George Lambert, 44, Harrisonburg, Va., July 17, 1974

Clarence Lennen, 70, Greenville, Ohio, Aug. 2, 1974

Ocie M. Lockwood, 70, Mexico, Ind., Aug. 7, 1974

Matilda G. Mayer, 56, Wilmington, Del., Sept. 22, 1974

Lloyd McKinley, 49, Mexico, Ind., July 3, 1974

Gertrude Miller, 92, Boonsboro, Md., July 28, 1974

Lloyd Miller, 70, Fort Wayne, Ind., July 30, 1974

William O. Moomaw, 91, La Verne, Calif., Sept. 18, 1974

Wilson Morrison, 86, San Diego, Calif., June 8, 1974

Lewis Natzinger, 78, Hacks Point, Md., Aug. 18, 1974

Mary Nelson, 77, York, Pa., Aug. 20, 1974

Paul W. Norris, 82, Ambler, Pa., July 14, 1974

Ethel M. Over, 81, Mercersburg, Pa., Sept. 26, 1974

Howard Overholser, 85, North Manchester, Ind., Aug. 31, 1974

Mildred Paxon, 73, Johnstown, Pa., July 26, 1973

J. Earl Pennypacker, 86, Parker Ford, Pa., Sept. 14, 1974

Margaret Petry, 67, Westminster, Md., Sept. 24, 1974

Charles Pletcher, 90, Wakarusa, Ind., Sept. 6, 1974

Katie Poe, 93, Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 5, 1974

Ray Price, 72, Plymouth, Ind., Sept. 2, 1974

Melvin Reed, 84, Nappanee, Ind., Aug. 25, 1974

Doris Ann Rhodes, 20, Lewistown, Pa., July 28, 1974

Mabel Rich, 78, Lake Odessa, Mich., July 14, 1974

Glenn Rike, 63, Sterling, Ohio, June 30, 1974

Rolley Robbins, 69, South Bend, Ind., July 7, 1974

Cora Peck Schrock, 91, La Verne, Calif., Sept. 24, 1974

H. Powell Sheller, 61, Newville, Pa., Aug. 20, 1974

Jesse Adam Smeltzer, 87, La Verne, Calif., Sept. 2, 1974

Carrie H. Snavely, 79, Manheim, Pa., Sept. 12, 1974

Mabel Snyder, 79, York, Pa., May 28, 1974

Earl E. Spidle, 75, Carlisle, Pa., March 16, 1974

Henry Stauffer, 89, Polo, Ill., Aug. 10, 1974

Ona Scrayer, 73, Johnstown, Pa., July 16, 1974

Rose T. Swenson, 88, San Diego, Calif., Aug. 27, 1974

Allen J. Wade, 86, Polo, Ill., Jan. 17, 1974

Minnie Waite, 87, Polo, Ill., Sept. 10, 1974

John Wertz, 64, South Ford, Pa., July 2, 1974

William I. White Sr., 73, Carlisle, Pa., May 22, 1974

Elmer E. Wise, 83, Nappanee, Ind., Sept. 6, 1974

Noah S. Martin

A new direction for seminary education

I have a deep concern regarding the education of our ministers and leaders of the church. I have gone the route myself and am somewhat aware of my reactions and feelings concerning it. I am also aware that in the recent months a number of promising young men of the Western District here in Pennsylvania have decided not to enroll at Bethany because of the high cost of tuition and living expenses. This concerns me that we are losing such good men to the training our seminary would offer. It is out of this concern and others that I would like to share my opinion. I do so openly, honestly and in the spirit of Christ.

I feel that seminary training for our people has become too academic and professional. An excellent article that appeared in *Faith/At/Work* (September 1974) by Stanley N. Jones, says that seminary education has made a fatal mistake in neglecting the personal preparation of the whole man for the ministry. A student said, "My mind is sharp, but my spirit is so dry it squeaks." A recent seminary graduate said, "I came out a trained theologian, but I go clobbered as a person." The article calls for ways of seminary communities to express the very life-together of the church—communities of prayer, caring, honest exchange, accountability and personal growth.

We need to find a way to break theology down to where people live, to personalize it, to let our theology arise out of the gut issues of life; to build our models of ministry out of need rather than theory. I know that seminaries have been moving in that direction, but there is no doubt that we need a major breakthrough.

I see a new model arising for the spiritual training of our people, in particular, preparing young people for full-time Christian service. I would call it the Christ-Disciple Model, or the Mobile-Parish Model. In this model we see the training occurring out on the streets of life. It would be a very mobile model. Again and again the disciples brought questions and problems to the Master Teacher as they went throughout the country "doing good." I could see the Christ-Disciple Model operating like this:

Every professor is assigned as the pastor of a certain church—let's say, in the Chicago or wider Illinois area. Seminary students would work with them in the parish setting, assisting while they learn. The churches would basically support the salary of the pastor-teacher of the church. The students would gather then at assigned times in clusters of learning with various of these pastor-teachers for study, evaluation, growth, discussion of problems, potential, etc. The theology that would emerge would quickly arise out of the needs of people and thus be more responsive to the real needs of the church and of the world.

All that would be needed in the way of a library (there are already seminary libraries in Chicago) would be a building to house the books and perhaps, also, a number of rooms for records, etc. In other words, most of the learning and preparation for ministry occurs out on the streets of life. It would be very mobile, very practical, and it could continue on as very academic and scholarly. To me this would produce the best kind of theology.

What you would need would be committed teachers with a pastor's heart who would be willing to become involved in the parish in this way, and a cluster of churches that would open themselves to this kind of learning experience. A teacher-pastor would not need to serve as full-time pastor. He might serve as part-time, even with or under a head pastor. Or, with his students working with him, much of the day-by-day pastoral work would be shared by them. The church might compensate him for his work, or parts of it would come from the tuition of the students. But once you have eliminated the cost of overhead, taxes, maintenance, and probably one half of the salaries paid to teachers and staff, much of the energy that is being consumed to successfully operate a seminary is freed to concentrate on the quality of education.

I feel that this kind of a mobile-parish model would restore a real sense of purpose to a seminary education. If I had had that kind of choice some years ago I know I would have chosen it.

Maybe there are some serious flaws in the above scheme, but if the basic idea were explored I could see a new sense of freedom and excellence for higher theological education. I would not worry about accreditation for the time being. If the program is successful it will achieve recognition beyond formal accreditation.

The words of Isaiah the Prophet always help me when I am faced with a new adventure. God said, "Remember not the former things nor consider (be bound to) the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

When we are willing to let go of that which is binding us and reach out for the future, that is the time and place when God steps in and begins to shape a new future a shape that is always more responsive to the needs of man. I believe that we are rapidly coming to that point in time for a new direction of seminary education. Let us not speak in terms of what we have done in the past and what we would need to sacrifice to achieve these kinds of goals. Rather, as we reach out for the future we are less bound to defend the past. If we could set such an idea into motion, even on an experimental basis, the Church of the Brethren would become an innovator in religious higher education.

Thank you for listening.

To hold in respect and fellowship those in the church with whom we agree or disagree is a characteristic of the Church of the Brethren. It is to the continuation of this value, and to an open and probing forum, that "Here I Stand" is dedicated. Reader response is invited.

Chauncey Shamberger

We need to try harder on church growth

About every so often there is a census of Protestant denominations. I'm always surprised to see the names and numbers of some denominations I don't remember even hearing about. Some of them show many more members than the Church of the Brethren. It surprises me that I have never heard of them. I wonder why.

Some of them turn out to be an ethnic group who live in a comparatively small geographical area. That's easy to understand but what about the rest? Whatever it is if I moved into a community where one of them existed I don't think I'd join it. The chances are if there weren't a Church of the Brethren there I would affiliate with

Licensing/ Ordination

Joe Detrick, licensed, October 1974, Oakland Mills, Mid-Atlantic

John H. Mullins, licensed Aug. 18, 1974, Southeastern District

Rufus E. Smith, licensed Aug. 18, 1974, Southeastern District

Otto Zuckschwerdt, licensed Oct. 13, 1974, Moler, Mid-Atlantic

Pastoral Placements

Alvin Alderfer, resigned from Royersford, Atlantic Northeast to retirement

Raymond Baugher, resigned from Elizabethtown, Atlantic Northeast

John D. Bowman, from Frederick, Walkersville, Mid-Atlantic, to Glade Valley Fellowship, Mid-Atlantic

Richard Deemy, from Brooklyn, Northern Plains, to Prairie View, Western Plains

Earl J. Foster, to Brooklyn, Atlantic Northeast

Irving Glover, resigned Decatur, Illinois/Wisconsin

Lloyd Haag, to Long Green (interim) Mid-Atlantic

Robert C. Harbach, from leave of absence to Sugar Valley, Southern Pennsylvania

F. T. Henry, resigned from part-time Beech Run, Middle Pennsylvania

Fred Hollingshead from retirement Mount Morris, Illinois Wisconsin to Jacksonville, Florida/Puerto Rico

Donald L. Kline from Waterloo City, South Waterloo, Iowa/Minnesota to Lynchburg, Virlina

Sam W. Longenecker from Jackson Park and Knob Creek, Southeastern to Morning Star, Florida Puerto Rico

William Longenecker from interim, Mount Wilson, Atlantic Northeast to part-time, Mount Wilson, Atlantic Northeast

Fred Miller, to Clear Creek, South Central Indiana

Kurtis Friend Naylor, continues at La Verne College and Pomona, Pacific Southwest

Bruce Noffsinger, to Pittsburgh, South Central Indiana

Orville Penny, from retirement lay person, to Mountain Grove, Southern Missouri Arkansas

Ira S. Petre, from Big Swatara, Atlantic Northeast to Loridia, Florida Puerto Rico

Joseph S. Rittenhouse, concludes interim pastorate, Sugar Valley, Southern Pennsylvania

Norma Ritterspach, to Elizabethtown, Atlantic Northeast

Randall Roose, resigned from Shepherd, Michigan

J. Philip Shankster, from Spring Run, Middle Pennsylvania to South Waterloo, Northern Plains

Robert Teegarden, from Lick Creek, Northern Ohio, to Topeka, Western Plains

O. G. Wright, from other denomination, lay person, to Fredonia, Western Plains

Brethren Colleges Abroad

to Barcelona, Spain:

Beth Anne Bauer, La Porte, Ind., Manchester

Georgia Kay Buchanan, York, Pa., Bridgewater

Cindy Sue Butt, Peru, Ind., Manchester

Ronald Terry Czebieniak, Wernersville, Pa., Elizabethtown

Denise Lynne Dietrich, Chalfont, Pa., Lebanon Valley

Margaret Ann Eshleman, Greencastle, Pa., Eastern Mennonite

Albert Thomas Figuly, Mechanicsville, Va., Bridgewater

Janeam Gaye Gilbert, Kokomo, Ind., Manchester

Sue Ann Kichline, Easton, Pa., Millersville State

Catherine Ann Metzger, Claypool, Ind., Manchester

Karen Lynn Morse, Westbury, New York, University of Rhode Island

Michelle R. Moscata, Crown Point, Ind., Manchester

Lynn Catherine Sinapi, Coatesville, Pa., Millersville State

Barbara Jo Warner, Mount Holly, N. J., Bridgewater

Joy Ellen Yutzy, Petoskey, Mich., Eastern Mennonite

to Marburg, Germany:

Deborah Lloyd Chesley, Oxon Hill, Md., Hood

Vicky Lin Christy, Marshalltown, Iowa, McPherson

Sandra Jo Cooper, Yucaipa, Calif., Dordt

Jayne Elizabeth Drake, Phillipsburg, N.J., Lebanon Valley

Susan Elaine Engelberth, Piercetom, Ind., Tri-State

Steven John Friesen, Fresno, Calif., Pacific

Richard Irvin Kann, Indialantic, Fla., Juniata

Robert Alan Klinger, North Manchester, Ind., Manchester

Roger William Koon, Altoona, Pa., Juniata

Lou Ann Lichti, Moundridge, Kans., Bethel

John David MacVeigh, Cumberland, Md., Juniata

Regina Helene Meschko, Morganville, N.J., Elizabethtown

Jean Marie Norton, Bronson, Mich., Manchester

Kathryn Ann Oyer, Goshen, Ind., Goshen

Jill C. Rieman, Dayton, Ohio, University of Cincinnati

Gregory Wayne Ross, Bakersfield, Calif., La Verne

Carolyn M. Stone, Hagerstown, Ind., Manchester

Audrey Faye Swartzendruber, Elkhart, Ind., Goshen

Randolph Paul Wampler, Harrisburg, Pa., Elizabethtown

Glenn Elliott Whitted, Troy, Ohio, Case Western Reserve

Eugene Allen Wiens, Dinuba, Calif., Pacific

Gabriele E. Wolters, Hagerstown, Md., Hood

Rose La Rue Yoder, Elverson, Pa., Messiah

to Strasbourg, France:

Mary Catherine Burns, Falls Church, Va., Bridgewater

Mary De Bender, New Haven, Ind., Manchester

Bonnie Kaye Dunkelberger, Loysville, Pa., Elizabethtown

Susan Emerson Garber, Winchester, Va., Bridgewater

Carol Mary Groeschel, Lancaster, Pa., Saint Francis

Mary Anne Herr, Quarryville, Pa., Goshen

Marie Alice Hertzler, Williamsburg, Va., Eastern Mennonite

Karen Renee Hosler, New Cumberland, Pa., Elizabethtown

Kathleen Rae Massanari, Goshen, Ind., Goshen

Kimberly Anne McDowell, Glen Ellyn, Ill., St. Olaf

Gene C. Miller, Port Allegheny, Pa., Eastern Mennonite

Gary Lee Yoder, Greenwood, Del., Eastern Mennonite

Paul A. Zimmerman, Wickliffe, Ohio, Case Western Reserve

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Auburn Akers, Roanoke, Va., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Alling, Cabool, Mo., 52

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Bernhardt, Seattle, Wash., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brockus, Nampa, Idaho, 62

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burd, Waterloo, Iowa, 50

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cline, Staunton, Va., 50

Mr. and Mrs. John Crosscope, Winter Park, Fla., 58

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob E. Culler, Cory, Ind., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Price Dunahoo, Cloverdale, Va., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen Ebersole, New Enterprise, Pa., 56

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Hild, Cando, N.D., 69

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kreitzer, Dayton, Ohio, 57

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Leer, Huntsdale, Pa., 54

Mr. and Mrs. George McCoy, Empire, Calif., 62

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Miller, Rockwood, Pa., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Over, Woodbury, Pa., 55

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Paschek, Winter Park, Fla., 51

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bunyan Peters, Roanoke, Va., 70

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Petry, New Paris, Ohio, 50

Mr. and Mrs. John Reitz, Copemish, Mich., 61

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Richey, Long Beach, Calif., 50

Mr. and Mrs. George T. Royer, Ottawa, Kans., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Royer, West Milton, Ohio, 50

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Shively, Empire, Calif., 63

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Smith, Orbisonia, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Smith, Neffsville, Pa., 64

Mr. and Mrs. John Sprenkel, New Oxford, Pa., 55

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swayer, Mexico, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Vaughn, Salamonia, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wade, Cabool, Mo., 54

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weber, Dallas Center, Iowa, 65

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams, Wenatchee, Wash., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer G. Yoder, Quakertown, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Ziegler, Myerstown, Pa., 50

Deaths

Albert Bankert, 68, Hanover, Pa., Sept. 24, 1974

Albert W. Bishop, 58, Lynchburg, Va., Oct. 29, 1974

Lester Blocker, 87, Barstow, Calif., June 15, 1974

Stella V. Bowman, 89, Oakton, Va., Sept. 19, 1974

Ivan Bream, 59, New Oxford, Pa., Sept. 16, 1974

Laura E. Brubaker, 91, Covina, Calif., Sept. 13, 1974

Maude Moser Buchanan, 86, Dallas Center, Iowa, Oct. 1974

Harriet Allen Burn, 90, Van Nuys, Calif., May 26, 1974

William Comerford, 59, Santa Monica, Calif., July 12, 1974

Nancy B. Corle, 88, Martinsburg, Pa., Sept. 12, 1974

William Crawford, 81, Palestine, Ohio, Sept. 6, 1974

John F. Danner, 87, Upper Marlboro, Md., Oct. 17, 1974

Ray J. Deeter, 63, Covington, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1974

Amanda Jensen Dick, 81, Elkhart, Ind., Oct. 30, 1974

John H. Dillen, 80, Altoona, Pa., July 20, 1974

Samuel E. Dilling, 26, Martinsburg, Pa., May 5, 1974

Taylor L. Dively, 80, Clarksburg, Pa., Aug. 18, 1974

Dean R. Doxon, 9, Wakeeney, Kans., Sept. 25, 1974

Ben Ecker, 92, Walkerton, Ind., June 15, 1974

Chester A. Edwards, 74, Goshen, Ind., Sept. 25, 1974

Jeannie Eikenberry, 87, Greenville, Ohio, Sept. 26, 1974

Bernard Fillmore, Bass Lake, Calif., Oct. 4, 1974

Sudie Flory, Fresno, Calif., Sept. 23, 1974

Chester Frenger, 85, Nappanee, Ind., Oct. 2, 1974

Carl G. Gall, 62, Lusby, Md., Aug. 26, 1974

Kent Ghost, Silver Spring, Md., Sept. 13, 1974

Mark Grasser, Johnstown, Pa., Sept. 28, 1974

Fernander C. Handy, 93, Roanoke, Va., Oct. 27, 1974

Mayme Harbaugh, 88, South Bend, Ind., Sept. 20, 1974

Robert F. Hecker, 56, Duncansville, Pa., Oct. 26, 1974

Zona Heiny, 82, Modesto, Calif., Sept. 6, 1974

J. Orville Henard, 92, La Verne, Calif., Sept. 11, 1974

Lillian A. Hershberger, 75, Mt. Rainier, Md., Sept. 9, 1974

Wilmer E. Hinish, 75, Curryville, Pa., May 21, 1974

Betty Holley, 54, Cloverdale, Va., Sept. 22, 1974

Carson F. Holsinger, 84, Broadway, Va., Oct. 3, 1974

Elsie B. Holsinger, 77, Williamsburg, Pa., Aug. 26, 1974

Mata Hoover, 77, Somerset, Pa., Sept. 17, 1974

Leona Mae Ickes, 64, Hollidaysburg, Pa., Sept. 22, 1974

Eron Johannessen, 86, Long Beach, Calif., Aug. 15, 1974

Zola Judy, 72, Ashland, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1974

John Keeling, 88, Independence, Mo., Aug. 10, 1974

Forest Keim, 67, Rock Lake, N.D., Sept. 4, 1974

Melvin F. Keplinger, 63, Maryland, Va., Aug. 27, 1974

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Clarke Kline, 63, Sidman, Pa., July 11, 1974

Mary Kuckenbrod, 72, Johnstown, Pa., July 10, 1974

Evelyn Le Hew, 71, La Place, Ill., Aug. 23, 1974

Laverne Martin, 69, Laguna Hills, Calif., June 15, 1974

N. Dwight McNeth, 44, Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 8, 1973

Fred McNicol, 78, McPherson, Kans., Sept. 18, 1974

Daniel Lee Miller, 86, Ladoga, Ind., Oct. 17, 1974

Old age as a qualitative triumph

by Frederic A. Brussat

There are presently more than twenty million persons over 65 living in the United States. Through science we have found ways of prolonging life. Yet modern chemistry has not discovered the means to make old age a qualitative triumph.

Nobody Ever Died of Old Age, by Sharon Curtin (Atlantic Little Brown, $2.95), is an extremely touching and agonizingly honest look at the lives of America's elderly. Many times they are conceived as an alien race in the country of the young, victims of either debilitating poverty or passive consumerism. Borrowing a tactic from women's liberation, she suggests "consciousness raising" for the aged: "I think it is time for old people to turn their energies toward discovering their common oppression; to move from thinking about safe, gracious living out in some planned community to a fight for self-respect and their right to a place in the larger community." She offers some fine vignettes about old people and, in the process, forces us to rethink our own attitudes toward aging, death and the place of the elderly in our society.

Growing Old, by Margaret Hellie Huyck (Spectrum, $2.65), argues that American "ageism" must be done away with immediately. Ms. Huyck provides a healthy, optimistic and encouraging picture of growing older. She suggests that self-analysis is a lifelong process; how we view ourselves now will probably shape "how we live in the future in regard to our children, our living space, our economic situation and our vision of life." Successful aging (becoming more self-actualized as one grows older) is an important aspect of life as an ongoing experiment. The pleasures, rewards and satisfactions of preparing now for a fulfilling life as an elderly person are made vividly clear in this valuable paperback.

Several recent novels have also given affirmative pictures of old age. Here the elderly live vivid and expansive lives. Saul Bellow's *Mr. Sammler's Planet* and Wright Morris' *A Life* offer portraits of two septuagenarians who influence and even inspire those around them. On the screen, Vitorio De Sica's "Umberto D" and Jack Lemmon's "Kotch" provide examples of old men who win both our hearts and our admirations. And now, via Paul Mazursky's excellent new film "Harry and Tonto," we have Harry Combs to tell us that old age does not have to be a long prison sentence with no time off for good behavior.

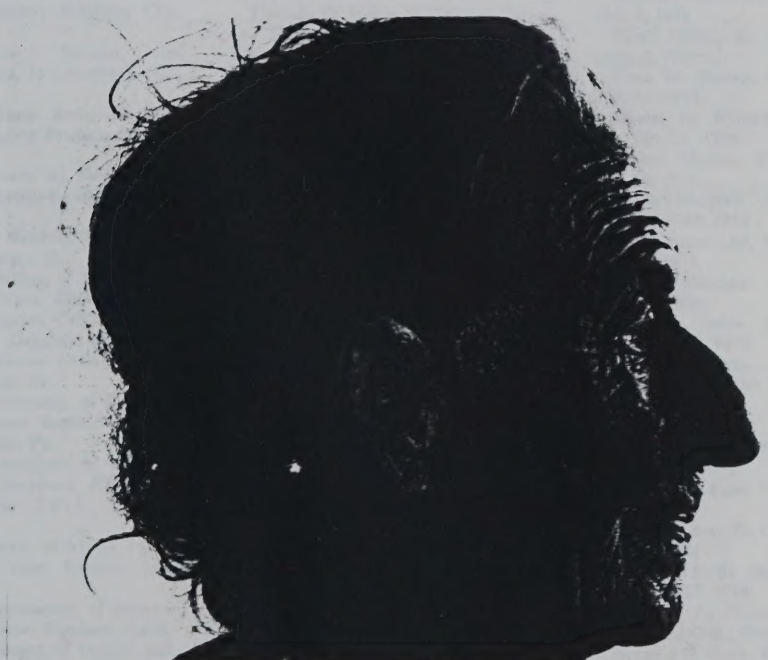
Harry, beautifully portrayed by Art Carney, is a 72-year-old widower who lives in New York City with his faithful cat, Tonto. He's the kind of guy who has no intention of fading slowly into the sunset years.

When Harry is forcibly evicted from his apartment by the police, he begins a journey across the country wherein he discovers the joy, the confusion, the zaniness and the stoutness of human adventure. Although he misses his wife, Annie, Harry has a song for every mood: ditties by Russ Columbo, Bing Crosby, Maurice Chevalier and many others.

He just naturally gets along with people—the used car dealer who tells him that a dose of strychnine can restore his sexual virility, a hitch-hiking runaway teenage girl, a cowboy who sells vitamins and blenders, an Indian healer and a happy hooker. Despite the fact that his children are confused, Harry manages to make the best out of his life, savoring all the magic moments.

The message to take home from this funny sad film is that growing old and reveling in the goodness of life are not mutually exclusive. Or, as Director Paul Mazursky put it: "'Harry and Tonto' is an important film to me in that it helps people to see that old people are not invisible. I was sick and tired of seeing movies in which the old people were either senile or bizarre. I wanted my hero to be real, cranky, funny; a man who at 72 was what he was at 25, only a little bit slower." You owe it to yourself and your loved ones to travel along with Harry and Tonto in this excellent film! □

For 20,000,000 persons over 65 in the US, science has found ways of prolonging life. Yet modern chemistry has not discovered means to make old age a qualitative triumph.



Licensing/Ordination

Alice Ebey Archer, licensed Nov. 10, 1974, Wawaka, Northern Indiana

Thomas E. Auker, ordained 1974, Atlantic Northeast

Tim Barber, licensed, 1974, South/Central Indiana

David Bibbee, licensed June 2, 1974, Marion, Northern Ohio

Paul W. Brubaker, ordained July 28, 1974, Atlantic Northeast

Kirby Dubble, ordained 1974, Atlantic Northeast

Glenn M. Eshleman, ordained July 28, 1974, Atlantic Northeast

Charles Grissell, licensed, 1974, South/Central Indiana

Kay Grissell, licensed, 1974, South/Central Indiana

Delmas Keeney, ordained 1974, Atlantic Northeast

J. Mervin Keller, ordained Aug. 4, 1974, Atlantic Northeast

Philip E. Margush, licensed Nov. 10, 1974, Atlantic Northeast

Alan Miller, licensed July 7, 1974, Bristolville, Northern Ohio

Jerry W. Ruff, ordained Nov. 17, 1974, Summit, Shenandoah

Randy Schmucker, licensed Aug. 4, 1974, Zion Hill, Northern Ohio

110th BVS training unit

Monna Lee Alwine, of Johnstown, Pa., to Caldwell Migrant Ministry, Caldwell, Idaho

Janet Laura Baernstein, of Burlington, Wis., to Child Day Care Center, Plymouth, Ind.

Linda Kay Beckner, of Brodbecks, Pa., to Inter-Mountain School, Protestant Student Center, Brigham City, Utah

Nancy Loren Bortner, of Hollansburg, Ohio, to Crosslines, Inc., Springfield, Mo.

Thomas Friedrich Brett, of West Germany, to Dayton Project, Dayton, Ohio

Debby Sue Casey, of Fort Wayne, Ind., to Fahrney-Keedy Home, Boonsboro, Md.

Juan G. and Rosario T. Cruz, of Ecuador, to Chicago, Ill.

Yvonne Kay Dilling, of Fort Wayne, Ind., to Bella Vista Church of the Brethren, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mary Michele Graybill, of Stevens, Pa., to Mother Goose Child Development Center, Elgin, Ill.

Kenda Elaine Gressley, of Columbia City, Ind., to Peter Becker Memorial Home, Harleysville, Pa.

John Daniel Hostetter, of Winfield, Pa., to Good Shepherd Home and Northern Indiana CBYF, Fostoria, Ohio

Cheryl Ann Hurst, of Akron, Pa., to Norborne Day Care Center, Martinsburg, W.V.

Myra Anne Ingmanson, of Mancos, Colo., to Teal House, Concord, Calif.

Connie Sue Kintner, of Delphi, Ind., to Lynnhaven Creative Child Care Center, Phoenix, Ariz.

Helen Marie Kline, of Manassas, Va., to Dayton Project, Dayton, Ohio

Rebecca Sue Leaming, of Canon City, Colo., to Ecole San Vincente's for Handicapped Children, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Sheryl Ann Lofton, of Sebring, Fla., to Bloomington Christian Center, Bloomington, Ind.

Timothy Alan McElwee, of Warrensburg, Mo., to Fahrney-Keedy Home, Boonsboro, Md.

Randall Bruce Miller, of Wenatchee, Wash., to Church of the Brethren General Offices, Elgin, Ill.

Karen Elizabeth Millison, of Poland, Ohio, to Cross Keys Brethren Home, New Oxford, Pa.

Nicolas A. Payne, of Seattle, Wash., to European Program, Belfast, Northern Ireland

Kathryn Sue Riehl, of New Holland, Pa., to Church of the Brethren Home, Windber, Pa.

Pamela Paul Rohitas, of India to Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind.

Martin L. Schwartz, of Hudson, Ind., to European Program, Thessaloniki, Greece

Cynthia L. Sholly, of Annville, Pa., to Good Shepherd Home and Northern Indiana CBYF, Fostoria, Ohio

Sara Kristin Snyder, of Whittier, Calif., to Dayton Project, Dayton, Ohio

Cynthia Lynn Stovall, of Bassett, Va., to Norborne Day Care Center, Martinsburg, West Va.

Susan E. Sweigard, of Seaford, Del., to Bloomington Christian Center, Bloomington, Ind.

Lisa Ann Unruh, of Quinter, Kans., to Teal House, Concord, Calif.

Anitra C. Walters, of Columbiana, Ohio, to Church of the Brethren Home, Windber, Pa.

Thomas O. Watts, of Nampa, Idaho, to Bloomington Christian Center, Bloomington, Ind.

Deaths

Josie Adkins, Mountain Grove, Mo., May 26, 1974

Richard Allison, 61, York, Pa., Nov. 12, 1974

Etna Anderson, Muskegon, Mich., Sept. 16, 1974

Bert Baker, Yakima, Wash., Oct. 15, 1974

Murl Baker, 73, Pasco, Wash., Oct. 25, 1974

John R. Beane, 59, Arcanum, Ohio, Oct. 12, 1974

Eva Mae Berry, 60, Liberty, Ind., Dec. 2, 1974

Melvin Bible, Cumberland, Md., Oct. 1974

Lilla Blair, 87, Cloverdale, Va., Oct. 31, 1974

Lena Bosserman, 91, Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 8, 1974

Zelda Bowman, 76, Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 5, 1974

Arlene Brown, 49, North Wales, Pa., Nov. 5, 1974

Frank J. Brown, 52, North Wales, Pa., Oct. 6, 1974

William Brunnemeyer, 65, Rock Lake, N.D., Nov. 25, 1974

Marsha Clark, 22, Richmond, Ind., Oct. 26, 1974

Lula Huffer Cook, 89, Mount Solon, Va., Aug. 31, 1974

Roy C. Cook Jr., 50, Cloverdale, Va., Nov. 1, 1974

Walter Cookman, 59, Portland, Oreg., Sept. 24, 1974

John F. Danner, Washington, D.C., Oct. 17, 1974

Doris Davis Dean, 70, Eden, N.C., Oct. 23, 1974

Bernice Detwiler, 80, Martinsburg, Pa., Sept. 2, 1974

James De Vault, Pontiac, Mich., Sept. 30, 1974

Daniel Diehl, 97, Sebring, Fla., Oct. 15, 1974

Graybill G. Hosler, 90, Lititz, Pa., Oct. 6, 1974

Earl E. Jarboe, 83, Norton, Kans., Nov. 21, 1974

Robert Johnson, 78, Mount Carroll, Ill., Nov. 18, 1974

Elizabeth Keener, 72, Myerstown, Pa., Nov. 9, 1974

Ida Goings Kelly, 85, Eden, N.C., Nov. 15, 1974

Galen C. Kilhefner, 67, Elizabethtown, Pa., May 15, 1974

Beulah Knicely, 54, Mount Crawford, Va., Sept. 13, 1974

John L. Leffler, 82, Myerstown, Pa., Nov. 17, 1974

Della Lehman, 81, La Verne, Calif., Nov. 13, 1974

Earl J. Lichty, 85, Harmony, Minn., Oct. 28, 1974

Joe Lowber, 76, Boise, Idaho, Oct. 16, 1974

Paul C. Lucabaugh, 71, Hanover, Pa., Oct. 22, 1974

Thomas Ludwick Sr., 68, Grottoes, Va., Aug. 28, 1974

Walter Martin, 69, Covington, Va., Oct. 30, 1974

Morris Mastin, 62, Monticello, Ind., Oct. 5, 1974

Perry Miller, 85, Glendora, Calif., Sept. 2, 1974

Paul W. Morris, 82, Ambler, Pa., July 14, 1974

Daniel H. Moyers, 83, Broadway, Va., Oct. 21, 1974

Walter Mullins, 81, Marcum, Ky., Oct. 26, 1974

Cathy Mumma, 23, Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 23, 1974

Mary Nester, 84, Laurel Fork, Va., Sept. 8, 1974

Elsie Noffsinger, 88, Eureka, Ill., Nov. 11, 1974

David L. Oakes, 75, Ludlow Falls, Ohio, Oct. 17, 1974

Margaret Mazer Overholser, 72, Meyersdale, Pa., Oct. 9, 1974

Florence Peel, 50, McPherson, Kans., Oct. 30, 1974

Abram Plaugher, 86, Mount Solon, Va., Oct. 30, 1974

Ollie Susan Reid, 75, Broadway, Va., Oct. 3, 1974

Ray E. Rhoe, 72, Cumberland, Md., Oct. 16, 1974

Harb Richards, 66, South Whitley, Ind., Sept. 27, 1974

Herbert F. Richards, 91, North Manchester, Ind., Oct. 15, 1974

Herman O. Rock, 78, Troutville, Va., Nov. 16, 1974

Mrs. Albert Rothrock, 89, Davenport, Nebr., Oct. 31, 1974

Verna Rummel, 74, Johnston, Pa., Oct. 28, 1974

Eunice Sanders, 85, Tucson, Ariz., Sept. 7, 1974

Martin Scholten, Pottstown, Pa., Aug. 21, 1974

Cora Peck Schrock, 91, Pomona, Calif., Sept. 24, 1974

Ilo Schubert, 76, North Manchester, Ind., Sept. 2, 1974

Rose Alma Scott, Woodstock, Va., Oct. 16, 1974

Francis Seese, 73, Alto, Mich., Oct. 23, 1974

Elmer W. Shawns, 81, New Market, Va., Nov. 15, 1974

Marie Wirt Sherman, 75, Garrett, Ind., Nov. 10, 1974

Galor Shipman, 63, Polo, Ill., Nov. 9, 1974

Sherman Shoemaker, 90, Mount Vernon, Ill., Jan. 27, 1974

Dillon P. Simmons, 52, Harrisonburg, Va., Oct. 24, 1974

Herman W. Spangler, 82, Roanoke, Va., Sept. 3, 1974

Felix Sizemore, 64, Marcum, Ky., Aug. 3, 1974

Ruby Smallwood, 76, Nappanee, Ind., Oct. 30, 1974

Clara Smith, Paradise, Calif., Aug. 4, 1974

Jim Smith, 82, Marcum, Ky., Nov. 16, 1974

Marie Smith, 94, Marcum, Ky., Nov. 4, 1974

Olin E. Snyder, 85, Boonsboro, Md., Nov. 18, 1974

Willard Spitler, 71, Greenville, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1974

Kenneth Steinberger, 72, Santee, Calif., Sept. 5, 1974

Nelson W. Stouffer, 55, Chambersburg, Pa., Nov. 8, 1974

Farrell Stouder, 74, Nappanee, Ind., Nov. 19, 1974

Arlene Strickler, 44, Lititz, Pa., Oct. 23, 1974

Gladys Studebaker, 79, Azusa, Calif., Aug. 13, 1974

Emma Swinger, 81, Pitsburg, Ohio, Oct. 28, 1974

Walter Swinger, 84, Pitsburg, Ohio, Nov. 19, 1974

Elma E. Thelmich, 82, Cumberland, Md., Nov. 26, 1974

Minnie Thompson, 84, Wabash, Ind., June 19, 1974

Linnie Toney, 82, Orlando, Fla., Nov. 1, 1974

Evelyn Seymour Wallace, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Oct. 16, 1974

Everett S. Walters, 65, Bent Mountain, Va., Oct. 28, 1974

J. T. Warlitner, 73, Newport News, Va., Oct. 24, 1974

I. E. Weaver, 90, North Manchester, Ind., Aug. 27, 1974

Grace Weigle, 75, Hellam, Pa., Nov. 11, 1974

Orville S. West, 80, Polo, Ill., Nov. 11, 1974

Wayman Western, 77, Fort Defiance, Va., Aug. 27, 1974

William R. Wisner, 60, Dixon, Ill., Oct. 14, 1974

Charles Yingling, Hanover, Pa., Nov. 22, 1974

Frances Zerfoss, 62, Hanover, Pa., Oct. 30, 1974

Annie E. Zimmerman, 93, Hopewell, Pa., Oct. 24, 1974

Lillie Zirkle, 90, Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 27, 1974

editorial

Harried but not hemmed in

The situation was one many Christians encounter these days. A group of district and brotherhood leaders was discussing the burgeoning population growth and the world's dwindling resources. And though the participants talked of avoiding "complexification"—the laying out of so much information as to be rendered immobile by it—paralysis was threatening.

Of the half dozen core concerns the group isolated for congregational study and action, one was distinctly upbeat—delineating models of hope. What from biblical heritage and faith commitment today suggests alternatives to crippling cynicism?

A cluster who chose to center in on this concern cited the degree to which the early Christians witnessed with dynamism and joy. The buoyancy of the apostles was felt not in the absence of strife but in the midst of it. God's power as seen in the resurrection of Jesus Christ reshaped their lives. Paul explained to the church at Corinth:

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you" (2 Cor. 4:8-12).

The group weighed the words of one who with boldness laid down his body and subjected himself that the life he had in Christ would be revealed. Alone and in twos and threes and as a total cluster persons reflected on the power of God to transform weakness, to transcend suffering. They took the feelings of Paul, which Moffatt translates as being "harried but not hemmed in," and cast them in their own words and time.

In essence the group of Brethren engaged in an experience the World Council of Churches Central Committee three years ago commended to Christians everywhere: "to learn to speak more openly to one another of the center of our commitment." Simply but poignantly Paul's situation and conviction became identified with their own. In encounter with one or two others, individuals were giving account of the faith and hope within.

Through this encounter with the scripture and with brothers and sisters of the faith, hope was discerned. It came as no panacea but as a perspective and a process that put defeat and despair in their place.

Through a special edition labeled "An Inventory of Hope," *Saturday Review* sought to cut into the gloom that has settled over the nation. "The main trouble with despair is that it is self-fulfilling. People who fear the worst tend to invite it," editorialized Norman Cousins. "Bursts of energy do not spring from a spirit of defeat. Ultimately, hopelessness leads to helplessness."

The proclamation of hope should be a primary pursuit in the church today, but for all too many of us it is not. We need yet to come to terms with the optimism of the New Testament that centers in the resurrection.

We in the Community of the Resurrection are heirs to a power that is regenerating, renewing, radiating. A power that invites us to engage in joyful worship, to risk daring acts, to live for others, to herald a new age, to speak the liberating Word.

In sum, to discern and disclose the Hope that is within us.—H.E.R.

Licensing/ Ordination

G. Leroy Hulvey, licensed Dec. 8, 1974, Staunton, Shenandoah

Larry Dean Lattie, licensed March 3, 1974, Prairie City, Northern Plains

Pastoral Placements

Sam Avers, to Empire, Pacific Southwest, Visitation Minister

Leonard B. Carlisle, from Crest Manor, Northern Indiana, to Peoria, Illinois-Wisconsin

Jay Eifer, to Beaver Dam, Mid-Atlantic

Bernard Fuska, from interim, Pleasant Hill, Western Pennsylvania, to fulltime, Pleasant Hill, Western Pennsylvania

John W. Glick, from Meyersdale, Western Pennsylvania, to Pottstown, Atlantic Northeast

Lloyd Haag, from interim Long Green Valley, Mid-Atlantic, to interim, Trinity, Mid-Atlantic

William Hayes, to interim Baltimore First Church, Mid-Atlantic

Paul Heisey, from Heidelberg-Free Ministry, Atlantic Northeast, to Welty, Mid-Atlantic

William Longenecker, from interim, Mount Wilson, Atlantic Northeast, to fulltime, Mount Wilson, Atlantic Northeast

Clarence Quay, from Lynchburg, Virlina, to Marion, Northern Ohio

Joseph S. Rittenhouse, to Arcadia, Florida-Puerto Rico

Rolland Smith, from New Covenant Fellowship, Manchester, Ky., to White Branch, South Central Indiana

David M. Wine, from Monitor, Western Plains, to Buckeye, Western Plains

Richard C. Witmer, from Pleasant Hill, Southern Ohio, to Mount Morris, Illinois-Wisconsin

Ronald E. Wyrick, from secular, to Keyser, West Marva

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Blickenstaff, Tulsa, Okla., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Broadwater, Spring Valley, Minn., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Frederick, Nappanee, Ind., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Huff, Cerro Gordo, Ill., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Kleptiger, Sebring, Fla., 57

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Metzger, Delphi, Ind., 55

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Stakder, Cerro Gordo, Ill., 53

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Wagner, Cerro Gordo, Ill., 64

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Werking, Duncansville, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitmer, Sebring, Fla., 65

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Ziegler, Collegeville, Pa., 50

111th BVS Unit Post-thirty

Mary E. Adkins, of Cabool, Mo., to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Chester and Gladys Detwiler, of Nappanee, Ind., to Bridgewater Home, Bridgewater, Va.

Mildred Fulton, of Huntington, Ind., to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Wilbur and Nellie Hershberger, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, (assignment pending)

Rebekah Martens, of North Manchester, Ind., (assignment pending)

Marcia J. Moorehead, of Decatur, Ala., (assignment pending)

Elsie Finn Norton, of Danville, Ind., (assignment pending)

Orville and Irene Penny, of Gardem City, Mo., to Church of the Brethren, Mountain Grove, Mo., (pastorate)

Wava Perkins, of Hudson, Ind., (assignment pending)

112th BVS Training Unit

Kathleen and Richard Allstot, of East Wenatchee, Wash., to European Program, Poland.

Cheryl L. Artman, of York, Pa., to Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass.

Kenneth Barklow, of Empire, Calif., to PVS.

Thomas M. Beam, of Mount Crawford, Va., to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Samuel P. K. Chelvam, of India, to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Cynthia J. Conti, of Flushing, N.Y., to Fox Hill Home, Batavia, Ill.

Holly A. Daugherty, of Westover, Md., to The Sycamores, Inc., Indianapolis, Ind.

Marian L. Griggs, of Tippecanoe, Ind., to Bella Vista Church of the Brethren, Los Angeles, Calif.

Grant W. Holsinger, of Somerset, Pa., to Fahrney-Keedy Memorial Home, Boonsboro, Md.

Sandra J. Hurst, of Stevens, Pa., to Caldwell Migrant Ministry, Caldwell, Idaho.

Mr. Kay Kollman, of West Germany, to United Farm Workers, Atlanta, Ga.

Susan E. Kreitzer, of Dayton, Ohio, to Pinecrest Manor, Mount Morris, Ill.

Jeanette Lasater, of Modesto, Calif., to PVS.

Richard R. Liechty, of Gas City, Ind., to Bar 41 Ranch, Wilbur, Wash.

Tony J. Mathias, of Gas City, Ind., to Lititz Community Center, Lititz, Pa.

Hans-Dieter Reitthmeier, of West Germany, to National Welfare Rights Organization, Washington, D.C.

Rebecca S. Sheaffer, of Canton, Ohio, to Brethren Service Center, New Windsor, Md.

Faye E. Shoemaker, of Dayton, Va., to Bloomington Christian Center, Bloomington, Ind.

Donna E. Sievers, of Pomona, Calif., to Bloomington Christian Center, Bloomington, Ind.

Suzanne K. Statler, of York, Pa., to Church of the Brethren General Offices, Elgin, Ill.

Larry L. Stover Jr., of Dayton, Va., to Better Way, Inc., Elyria, Ohio.

Deaths

Bessie Altis, 75, Cabool, Mo., March 8, 1974

Rufus Atherton, 90, Ashland, Ohio, Nov. 7, 1974

Virginia Beard, 92, Gate City, Va., Aug. 22, 1974

Georgia Beets, 48, Kansas City, Kans., Nov. 7, 1974

Nellie Bowersox, 77, Greenville, Ohio, Nov. 2, 1974

Luther D. Bowman, 80, Boone's Mill, Va., Nov. 29, 1974

William F. Bowman, 77, Easton, Md., July 4, 1974

Mary Boyd, 64, Troy, Ohio, Dec. 14, 1974

Amos Burkhart, 71, New Holland, Pa., Nov. 9, 1974

Albert Clark, 27, South Bend, Ind., Nov. 21, 1974

Bobby Lee Connors, 47, Johnson City, Tenn., Aug. 22, 1974

Benjamin Corbett, 82, Mount Morris, Ill., Dec. 30, 1974

Payton Cruise, Sr., 72, Eden, N.C., Nov. 23, 1974

Robert Devoe, 81, Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 14, 1974

Mary Marshall Dickerson, 95, Bowie, Md., Oct. 25, 1974

Louise Hundley Earles, 86, Eden, N.C., Dec. 7, 1974

Nora Ebbert, 82, Quinter, Kans., Nov. 14, 1974

Elmer E. Ebersole, 87, La Verne, Calif., Oct. 28, 1974

Wilbur Ebersole, Claysburg, Pa., Oct. 19, 1974

Henry Edwards, 67, Jonesboro, Tenn., Nov. 8, 1974

Margaret Feathers, 63, Johnstown, Pa., Oct. 31, 1974

Lester Griffith, 73, Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 17, 1974

J. Vernon Grim, 64, York, Pa., Nov. 7, 1974

Mae Grove, 60, South English, Iowa, Dec. 5, 1974

George W. Haldeman, 80, Chambersburg, Pa., Aug. 3, 1974

Chester Hale, 61, Johnson City, Tenn., Oct. 21, 1974

Mark Harding, 76, Auburn, Ind., Nov. 7, 1974

Samuel A. Harley, 65, Sebring, Fla., April 17, 1972

Henry Harris, 84, Mountain Grove, Mo., Nov. 9, 1974

Jacob C. Harshbarger, 73, Harrisonburg, Va., Nov. 8, 1974

Frank Harshman, 78, Myersville, Md., Nov. 17, 1974

Maurice A. Harter, 61, Richmond, Ind., Dec. 11, 1974

Constance Hartley, 81, Winter Park, Fla., Oct. 26, 1974

Bertha Hartsock, 84, Frederick, Md., Aug. 16, 1974

A. J. Hawk, 66, Troy, Ohio, Dec. 21, 1974

Emery Heatwole, 75, Dayton, Va., Dec. 1, 1974

Rilla Heestand, 87, Wheatridge, Colo., Oct. 17, 1974

Elma E. Helmick, 82, Cumberland, Md., Nov. 26, 1974

Mabel Helvey, 67, North Manchester, Ind., Oct. 6, 1974

Isabelle Henderson, 67, Tipton, Iowa, Nov. 14, 1974

Sally Belle Hoffmaster, 91, Berlin, Pa., Oct. 21, 1974

Margaret Holbrook, 69, Roanoke, Va., Oct. 23, 1974

Dessie Marie Huffer, 72, Nappanee, Ind., Dec. 16, 1974

Martin Hurst, 76, Ephrata, Pa., Nov. 15, 1974

Annie Long Jacobs, 87, York, Pa., June 7, 1974

M. Richard Jacobs, 67, York, Pa., Jan. 5, 1975

Reuben Jamison, 48, Quinter, Kans., Dec. 22, 1974

Wilcie Jamison, 79, Quinter, Kans., Nov. 16, 1974

Eva Juday, 73, Goshen, Ind., Dec. 5, 1974

Deuane Kelly, 69, West Milton, Ohio, Nov. 21, 1974

Reuben W. Kennedy, 86, Kansas City, Kans., Nov. 2, 1974

Paul L. Kenney, 72, Stanwood, Iowa, Aug. 31, 1974

Lewis King, 68, East Berlin, Pa., Dec. 5, 1974

Myrtle King, 90, Warren, Ind., Nov. 11, 1974

Myrah Eveland Knapp, 93, Cerro Gordo, Ill., Dec. 29, 1974

Mrs. Walter Kulp, 71, Ephrata, Pa., Nov. 13, 1974

Lillie Kunz, 72, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 9, 1974

Ella Cassel Landis, 76, Harleysville, Pa., Dec. 13, 1974

Charles E. Mishler, 74, Nappanee, Ind., Dec. 18, 1974

Edward Morris, 58, Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 20, 1974

Elsie Morris, 86, Redondo Beach, Calif., Sept. 4, 1974

Daniel H. Moyers, 83, Broadway, Va., Oct. 21, 1974

Alice Plowman, 90, Dixon, Ill., Dec. 17, 1974

Cleve Pock, 88, West Milton, Ohio, Dec. 8, 1974

Samuel A. Powers, 90, Mount Morris, Ill., Dec. 29, 1974

Thomas R. Pugh, 91, Peru, Ind., Nov. 10, 1974

Elizabeth Rader, 76, Mineta, Va., Dec. 24, 1974

Matt Raskop, 89, Quinter, Kans., Dec. 5, 1974

Harry Ray, 80, Midland, Mich., Nov. 13, 1974

L. Gwen Roetman, 64, Worthington, Minn., Dec. 9, 1974

Charles Roose, 88, Nappanee, Ind., Dec. 19, 1974

Dorothy Rust, 76, Cabool, Mo., July 14, 1974

Ilo Schubert, 76, North Manchester, Ind., Sept. 2, 1974

Brian Schwartz, 13, Hudson, Ind., Oct. 24, 1974

Fannie Seese, 80, Freeport, Mich., Nov. 8, 1974

Agnes Shenk, 80, Lantto, Ind., Dec. 12, 1974

Leona Sherfy, 87, McPherson, Kans., Nov. 27, 1974

Burdette Shifflett, 44, Myersville, Md., July 19, 1974

Edwin W. Showalter, 82, Bridgewater, Va., Dec. 10, 1974

Alice Simmons, 85, Paradise, Calif., Nov. 13, 1974

Charles R. Smith, 70, York, Pa., Dec. 28, 1974

Homer Smith, 68, Cumberland, Md., Dec. 10, 1974

Roy Smith, 67, York, Pa., May 28, 1974

Glenn Snavely, 79, Forrest, Ohio, Nov. 5, 1974

Margaret Snyder, 57, Williamsburg, Pa., Oct. 16, 1974

Joseph Spitler, 86, Mount Jackson, Va., Dec. 22, 1974

Raymond Steele, 65, Roaring Spring, Pa., Dec. 2, 1974

James Strickling, 88, Ashland, Ohio, Nov. 9, 1974

Katherine Wagenhals, 78, Ashland, Ohio, Nov. 9, 1974

Ira E. Weaver, 90, North Manchester, Ind., Aug. 26, 1974

Wayne Weybright, 69, New Paris, Ind., Nov. 28, 1974

Mae Wolfe, 93, Roswell, New Mexico, Dec. 24, 1974

Ethel Wright, 87, Bridgewater, Va., Dec. 31, 1974

Edgar Young, Roanoke, Va., Nov. 25, 1974

Goldie Young, 85, Madison, Wis., Aug. 30, 1974

'Because We Care': A good enough reason for visiting the lonely

Love is inter-generational—no one is too old or too young to need it.

Chaplain Warren Eshbach of The Brethren Home at Cross Keys approached some congregations around New Oxford, Pa., about a concern of his. Through the Pastoral Care Department of the home, he invited men and women to become visiting, caring partners with residents of the home. The Volunteer Visitors program enlisted 27 persons from nine congregations when it began last October.

Visiting friends are welcome diversions in the routine existence of institutional living, but sometimes they can be distressing, unless they understand the psychological problems older people are experiencing. Chaplain Eshbach and nurse Doris Oyler, in-service director, initiated an eight-week course of training for their volunteers called "Because We Care." Training included getting acquainted with The Brethren Home's facilities, tips on being a good listener, and studies on the biblical and theological implications of the aging process and the Christian view of death. Time was spent on how to help in remotivation and reality therapy and in understanding the feelings and attitudes of older people.

Members of the Bermudian, Hanover, and Pleasant Hill churches and the First, Second, and Madison Avenue churches in York, and the Black Rock congregation were in the group which met on Tuesdays and studied and visited all day for the eight-week period. At the conclusion, members of the unit were presented certificates by Cross Keys Home administrator Harvey S. Kline.

"Several of the visitors are of retirement age themselves and it was interesting to note that they became more understanding of themselves and each other as the study-work days passed. The biblical study and the discussion on aging and on death were helpful to us all. It's a subject long neglected and so important," concludes Mr. Eshbach.—L.T.P.

Pomona Valley 'Hunger walk' turns physical efforts into food dollars

"Hunger Walks" and similar group efforts are a popular response to world hunger needs. Young and not-so-young people all over the country translate physical efforts into dollars to buy food for the starving.

One of the more major walks occurred last fall in Pomona Valley, Calif. La Verne's Leland Wilson, in heading plans for the Council of Churches' ten-mile walk, invited people from all the valley's churches to join in and to sponsor hikers.

The gathering early Sunday afternoon soon took on the excitement of a celebration. Representatives from 50 Protestant and Catholic congregations assembled in walking clothes, some even in track suits, ready for the jaunt. There were opening ceremonies by mayors and council members from La Verne, San Dimas, Upland Ontario, Claremont, and other towns up the valley. First to sign the roster was 73-year-old former Congressman Jerry Voorhis. Among the others who clustered at the starting point were actor Ralph Waite who plays John Walton on the popular tv series, two people in wheelchairs, and one blind 80-year-old hiker.

The walk was begun at a lively pace—a group of joggers ran out ahead. Competition developed between groups and individuals. A Catholic priest had sponsors who had committed $100 for every mile he would walk and had challenged the other valley churches to match his total. From his parish 250 joined him in the walk, but the La Verne Church of the Brethren proved the champion for fund raising. At the final count, 1,800 persons had collected $29,319. Most of the money was donated to CROP, but by a donor's prerogative some was sent to other agencies.

Hikers paused for rest and verification at mile checkpoints. Reports say 11,355 miles were logged. Twenty joggers ran the full ten miles. Jerry Voorhis set a rapid pace and completed the course, as did children as young as six. One battery-powered wheelchair ended the course, by being pushed by helpful young friends.

Beyond the miles chalked up and the dollars pledged, generated ecumenical good will which hopefully will prove to be permanent.—L.T.P.

Pomona Valley's hunger walk was so successful as a fund raiser for CROP ($32,000) that La Verne pastor Leland Wilson, walk initiator, plans another walk this November

turning points

Licensing/Ordination

Glen Daughtry, licensed July 14, 1974, Scalp Level, Western Pennsylvania

Larry Deffenbaugh, licensed Nov. 10, 1974, Tire Hill, Western Pennsylvania

Jack Keebaugh, licensed Jan. 26, 1975, Knobsville, Southern Pennsylvania

Robert Miller, ordained Oct. 13, 1974, Markleysburg and Asher Glade, Western Pennsylvania

Robert P. Walters, licensed Dec. 29, 1974, Pittsburgh, Western Pennsylvania

Kevin A. Wilkins, licensed Nov. 13, 1974, Mount Joy, Western Pennsylvania

Mike Zellers, licensed Dec. 29, 1974, Freeburg, Northern Ohio

Pastoral Placements

Arden K. Ball, from Roann, South Central Indiana, to resident director, Camp Mack, Northern Indiana

Louis Bloom, from Monroeville, Western Pennsylvania, to Wiley Ford, West Marva

Patrick Chaffin, to Flint, Michigan

Ronald L. Clark, from Old Furnace, West Marva, to Sipesville, Western Pennsylvania

Ira W. Gibbel, from New Enterprise, Middle Pennsylvania, to assistant administrator, Morrisons Cove Home, Middle Pennsylvania

John F. Growth, continues at Tucson, Pacific Southwest

John Keiper, from Aughwick, Middle Pennsylvania, to Buffalo, Southern Pennsylvania

Alan G. Miller, from secular, to Silver Creek, Northern Ohio

Martin Waite Jr., from student, Vennard University Park, Iowa, to Panther Creek/Oak Grove, Illinois-Wisconsin, (interim, part-time)

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Alexander, Cabool, Mo., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Cline Bassett, Sebring, Fla., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bishop, Sunfield, Minn., 61

Mr. and Mrs. Wright Butterbaugh, North Manchester, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis, Windfall, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fidler, Brookville, Ohio, 50

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Figg, Sunfield, Minn., 63

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jamison, Santa Ana, Calif., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Fred O. Holderread, Cushing, Okla., 62

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keller, Pittsburgh, Pa., 65

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith, Hartford City, Ind., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Landis Stehman, Lititz, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Teeter, New Enterprise, Pa., 54

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Young, Ashland, Ohio, 50

Deaths

Debbie Akers, 19, Fresno, Calif., Jan. 10, 1975

Maranda Anderson, 74, Quinter, Kans., Jan. 12, 1975

Mrs. Joe Armey, 84, Sedro Woolley, Wash., Jan. 20, 1975

Flora Armstrong, 89, Eureka, Ill., Jan. 14, 1975

Mae Bagwell, 79, Greenville, Ohio, Jan. 18, 1975

Pearl I. Bailey, 69, Anaheim, Calif., Jan. 28, 1975

Camilla Replogle Bechtel, 79, Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 30, 1973

Clara Beckler, 81, Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 14, 1974

Amos Bewley, 76, East Petersburg, Pa., Jan. 13, 1975

Dwight Blough, 40, Farmington, Pa., Dec. 30, 1974

Elnora Bollinger, La Verne, Calif., Dec. 10, 1975

Orpha V. Bollinger, 65, Lititz, Pa., Sept. 23, 1974

Emmert Bowman, 71, Greenville, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1975

Charles O. Bottomfield, 83, Hollidaysburg, Pa., Jan. 10, 1975

Dallas Bowling, 34, Marcum, Ky., Nov. 14, 1974

Annie Brandt, 84, Cinnaminson, N.J., Dec. 7, 1974

William Brock, 89, Marcum, Ky., Dec. 9, 1974

Jamie Brunk, 80, Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 16, 1975

Arthur Buckridge, Waterloo, Iowa, Dec. 31, 1974

Richard Burket, 47, Roaring Spring, Pa., Jan. 9, 1975

Bertha Butterbaugh, 75, Dixon, Ill., Jan. 17, 1975

Grace B. Christison, 74, Decatur, Ill., Dec. 16, 1974

Ernest B. Clark, Pomona, Calif., Dec. 7, 1974

Maude Whitmore Coffman, 84, Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 9, 1975

Pharon Denlinger, 69, Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 10, 1975

D. Saylor Diehl, 95, Nokesville, Va., Aug. 15, 1974

Howard Duncan, 68, Mound City, Mo., Jan. 9, 1975

Alverta Eberly, 59, Lititz, Pa., Nov. 27, 1974

Violet Everly, 52, Cumberland, Md., Feb. 2, 1975

Ray Fackler, 75, Ashland, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1974

Alvin G. Faust, 89, Wilkinsburg, Pa., Oct. 6, 1974

Judson E. Faust, 84, Irwin, Pa., Aug. 29, 1974

Margaret Felker, 43, Mount Morris, Ill., Nov. 16, 1974

John B. Fifer, 72, Carrollton, Mo., Dec. 4, 1974

Esther Fink, 85, White Cottage, Ohio, Oct. 15, 1974

Emma Fisher, 82, Buck Creek, Ind., Oct. 13, 1974

Dan Fitzgerald, 30, Fresno, Calif., Nov. 8, 1974

Elizabeth Forney, 85, Modesto, Calif., Feb. 4, 1975

Margaret Forsyth, 61, Mount Morris, Ill., Jan. 25, 1975

Leland C. French, 86, Cloverdale, Va., Jan. 7, 1975

Florence Fuhrman, 56, Brodbecks, Pa., April 6, 1974

Ellen Ganger, 94, Goshen, Ind., Nov. 29, 1974

Georgia Garvey, 90, Modesto, Calif., Nov. 22, 1974

Frank Gearhart, 82, Gettysburg, Pa., Nov. 1, 1974

Michael Gebur, 62, Calvin, N.D., Oct. 6, 1974

Ethel Gehrett, Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 1, 1971

Clinton I. Getts, 78, Kendallville, Ind., Nov. 16, 1974

John Gibson, 20, Monetta, Va., Dec. 24, 1974

Royal Glick, 63, Riverside, Calif., December 1974

Hattie A. Glosser, 92, Frederick, Md., Dec. 26, 1974

Harper A. Good, 86, Waynesboro, Pa., Sept. 15, 1973

Ramona Reichard Good, 84, Waynesboro, Pa., Dec. 8, 1974

Anna Gouker, 64, Myersville, Md., June 21, 1974

Mark Grasser, 20, Eltom, Pa., Sept. 28, 1974

Norma Gray, 51, Newport News, Va., Nov. 4, 1974

Robert Green, 70, West Milton, Ohio, Jan. 10, 1975

Lester Griffith, 82, Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 20, 1974

Edna C. Haag, 88, Lititz, Pa., Dec. 4, 1974

William Hall, 76, Bent Mountain, Va., Dec. 21, 1974

Willie Burton Haynes, 69, Eden, N.C., Jan. 25, 1975

Ora Hendricks, 83, Cando, N.D., Jan. 20, 1975

Fannie May Henry, 84, Goshen, Ind., Jan. 9, 1975

William H. Herring, 91, Nokesville, Va., Dec. 28, 1974

Ralph Hoffman, 70, Roann, Ind., Jan. 5, 1975

Harry Hottle, Akron, Ohio, Feb. 1, 1975

Mrs. Avena Huddlestom, 88, Roanoke, Va., Feb. 4, 1975

Frank W. Johnson, 81, Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27, 1974

Allen B. Keller, 93, Lititz, Pa., Dec. 30, 1974

James R. Kelley, South Bend, Ind., Jan. 28, 1975

Percy Klepinger, 76, Sebring, Fla., Jan. 5, 1975

Ruth Kongas, 71, Cando, N.D., Jan. 13, 1975

Ralph Landes, 75, North Fort Myers, Fla., Jan. 21, 1975

Lois Landis, 74, North Manchester, Ind., Dec. 10, 1974

Jay Latter, 90, Ashland, Ohio, Nov. 24, 1974

Ruth Eaton Lau, 79, Front Royal, Va., Dec. 30, 1974

Mary Ellen Lauver, 70, La Verne, Calif., Dec. 13, 1974

Marshall Leiter, 66, Ashland, Ohio, Jan. 12, 1975

Cora Lindamood, 88, Greenville, Ohio, Jan. 12, 1975

Ronald J. Lindower, 34, Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 29, 1974

Daniel W. Long, 86, Meyersdale, Pa., Oct. 23, 1974

Raleigh J. Long, 77, Catlett, Va., Nov. 5, 1974

W. Newton Long, 84, Boonsboro, Md., Jan. 25, 1975

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Life in the community

Read Gal. 5:25—6:5 (NEB)

In the first five chapters of Galatians Paul discounts the law as a basis for governing church life and relationships. He scolds those who try to push new believers into a Jewish uniform. Christianity, he insists, is a radical departure demanding the new wineskins described by Jesus. Paul says it dramatically. Those who accept the law as a framework are doomed. To be measured by those demands is to fail.

In contrast, Paul describes life together in the community of faith. Gal. 5:28 provides a vital link. The Spirit, not the law, is to be the source of life and the director of action. With that base we judge ourselves. Gal. 6:4 is critical to the entire section. We are to measure ourselves by taking a long look in a mirror. We do not gather points by making comparisons or tallying a list of the positive and negative comments received from others. Because we do not validate our virtue by documenting another's comparative vice, there is no room for rivalry or jealousy. The strength of the body is not sapped by the spiritual erosion of envy and fault-finding.

Too often, even in the church, surface "loving" is only a mask. We Brethren are always so nice to one another. We smile, express interest, concern. All this means nothing if it is only a cover for unresolved hostilities and destructive competitiveness. Nancy speaks warmly to Jane on Sunday morning and on Sunday afternoon calls Ruth to complain about the way Jane is teaching the youth. John tells his pastor he appreciates his willingness to take a stand then steps outside to suggest to Bob that the church should seek a minister who will stick to the Bible. Expectations for perfection we could never realize ourselves are laid on others. Our community is contaminated.

The church is at times weakened by those who serve for the wrong reasons, such as those who walk in front to draw attention to themselves, using church power to achieve a sense of importance. Paul deals with this problem in Gal. 6:3. But the most sincere leaders carry an added burden of knowing how often their imperfections become a topic of conversation among others in the church, including other leaders. It becomes easier, safer to stay in the shadows. But holding back or dropping out because of criticism is wrong. The church is impoverished if talents are hidden out of fear.

What then? Do we refrain from taking stands or expressing opinions in order not to encourage hostilities or rivalry? That this approach is foreign to Paul's own style is abundantly clear. In Gal. 2:4 Paul confronts Peter. And the letter itself is a plain speaking expression of where Paul felt the church was getting on the wrong track. It is directed to the Galatians about the Galatians. That is clearly Paul's style.

Openness with love is obviously the standard for action in Gal. 6:1. There is no place for allowing hurts to fester for years, rubbing salt into the wounds by reciting bitter memories. The church is the place where loving community that destroys all walls is possible. But it will only happen if we are honest about the differences between us and handle them in a creative way. If there is a problem, I must discuss it face to face with the person involved. That's a tough standard. It is scary. I might get hurt.

It is easier to expect the pastor to do any necessary confronting. Reported sexual irregularities, dishonest business dealings, heavy drinking, and other fascinating tidbits are discussed in the church but not often with the persons directly involved. We fail to be redemptive because we are afraid to be confrontive. Or we do it in a destructive way. The people involved often feel alienated and drop out. They are lost in more than one sense. New generations of Christians know them only as a name on a church roll—either to be meaninglessly retained or mechanically discarded by applying legalistic standards. Do we care? Then we must act out that caring.

This same spirit of loving concern moves us to support those who are carrying heavy loads—special burdens of hardships, temptations, sorrow, and pain. This imperative in Gal. 6:2 is not a contradiction to Gal. 6:5, which suggests we each have our proper burden to bear. We are responsible for ourselves. The word for burden in verse 5 is the word used for a ship's cargo or a soldier's kit. The focus is on individual accountability. I reach out to others in times of stress, but I can not solve their problems for them. I cannot, by caring, suffer a friend's arthritic pain in her place; I cannot remove a friend's grief over the death of a son by my shared grief. These friends must still bear those burdens. I can only hope to make that load seem lighter because I am there.

Most of us are far more comfortable helping to bear burdens than we are in confronting. But even here we make mistakes. I have a memory picture of myself as a little girl, eating a piece of watermelon too big for me. A dear aunt offers to help. I accept, feeling that with a little assistance I can enjoy what is left. Instead she takes the piece and finishes it. Although I was preschool at the time, I still remember the feeling of disappointment. I had to redefine "help." Our help is too often like my aunt's. We discount the individual we are helping. We try to take over completely, "knowing what is best." We make decisions about what is needed and diminish the person's sense of worth.

Our churches and lives would be transformed if we would follow the advice Paul gives here. Let the Spirit direct action. Eliminate rivalry and jealousy by focusing on ourselves. Confront lovingly, directly, one who is wrong. Share in times of stress, but always preserve individual dignity and responsibility. □

The Spirit,

turning points

Licensing/ ordination

Terry Adkins, ordained Jan. 26, 1975, Santa Ana, Pacific Southwest

James Hostetler, licensed Dec. 29, 1974, East Chippewa, Northern Ohio

Patrick Leonard Mellott, licensed Feb. 1975, Cedar Grove, Shenandoah

L. Jay Minnich, ordained March 2, 1975, Stony Creek, Southern Ohio

John Snell, licensed June 16, 1974, Santa Ana, Pacific Southwest

Ronald E. Wyrick, ordained Feb. 23, 1975, Waynesboro, Shenandoah

Lee Zachman, ordination transferred from Congregational Church to Church of the Brethren, Dec. 1974

Pastoral Placements

Merrill Branson, to Center, Western Pennsylvania

Wendell Carmichael, resigned Buck Creek, South/Central Indiana

Earl F. Cater, from student, to Brooklyn, Northern Plains

John Geary, from Mount Joy, Western Pennsylvania, to Wooddale, Western Pennsylvania

Ray Hileman, to part time, Middlecreek, Western Pennsylvania

James Hostetler, to North Bend, Northern Ohio

Peter Kaltenbaugh Jr., to Rummel, Western Pennsylvania

Olen Landes, to interim pastor, Pine Ridge, Shenandoah

Gerald R. Measse, from Fredericksburg, Northern Plains, to Morrill-Sabetha, Western Plains

J. Weldon Myers, to Johnson City-Jackson Park, Southeastern

Bobby Phillips, from Greenmount-Mount Zion, Shenandoah, to Meyersdale, Western Pennsylvania

Dolar Ritchey, resigned Spring Creek, South/Central Indiana

Paul M. Robinson, from Bethany Theological Seminary, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Crest Manor, South Bend, Northern Indiana

Earl D. Rowland, from Annville, Atlantic Northeast, to Spring Run, Middle Pennsylvania

Donald O. Shanklster, from secular, to Mount Carmel, Southeastern

Richard Shreckhise, from Bethany to Carlisle-Boiling Springs, Southern Pennsylvania

Harold Springstead, from secular, to Muskegon, Michigan

Earl F. Stovall, from student, Bridgewater College to Pine Grove of Melbeth Grove, Shenandoah

Stan Sutton, to interim pastor, Howard, South Central Indiana

John D. Tilson, to Rowland Creek, Southeastern

Arthur H. Whisler, from secular, to Shepherd, Michigan

Stephen White, student, to Bella Vista, Los Angeles and La Verne Fellowship, Pacific Southwest

Earl M. Zigler, from retirement, to associate pastor, part time, Bridgewater, Shenandoah

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Ray G. Bales, Stet, Mo., 55

Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Bridenbaugh, Martinsburg, Pa., 53

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Easton, De Graff, Ohio, 58

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Gish, McPherson, Kans., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Haines, Richmond, Mo., 64

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Hale, Norborne, Mo., 52

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra E. Hess, Mount Joy, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. John Hogan, Hardin, Mo., 59

Mr. and Mrs. H. Lester Houff, Weyers Cave, Va., 58

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kendall, Kokomo, Ind., 60

Mr. and Mrs. George Larimore, Garrett, Ind., 60

Mr. and Mrs. John Leyda, Norborne, Mo., 58

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Metsker, Denver, Colo., 71

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Mitchell, Sebring, Fla., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Mohler, Ephrata, Pa., 60

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Musselman, Sebring, Fla., 65

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roller, Ligonier, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Rawley Sandy, Norborne, Mo., 58

Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Steele, Martinsburg, Pa., 53

Mr. and Mrs. Estill O. Still, Richmond, Mo., 53

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas, Johnstown, Pa., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wolf, Bunker Hill, Ind., 67

Deaths

Lloyd Albin, 35, Quinter, Kans., Feb. 15, 1975

Mae Albright, 93, Bridgewater, Va., Feb. 11, 1975

Gladys Arnold, 73, Petersburg, W. Va., Jan. 18, 1975

Clarence Beall, 68, Beaverton, Mich., Jan. 28, 1975

Elizabeth Bicknese, 90, Santa Ana, Calif., Sept. 15, 1974

John H. Blough, 77, La Verne, Calif., Feb. 17, 1975

Annie M. Bowman, 78, Boones Mill, Va., Dec. 28, 1974

Estelle Brant, 72, Brodbecks, Pa., Feb. 7, 1975

Clarence D. Burkholder, McPherson, Kans., Jan. 19, 1975

Robert L. Byrd, 77, Bridgewater, Va., March 2, 1975

Susie Cartwright, 95, Cando, N. Dak., Feb. 18, 1975

Nelson Clapper, 62, Loraine, Ohio, Feb. 12, 1975

Ray Cooney, 78, Santa Ana, Calif., Feb. 15, 1975

Austin Craig, 85, Huntingdon, Pa., Jan. 17, 1975

Hazel Craig, 54, Mount Sidney, Va., Dec. 18, 1974

J. Ivan Crawford, 60, Flat Rock, Ill., March 5, 1975

James Davis, 74, Roanoke, Va., Feb. 20, 1975

Mrs. Howard Dickey, North Manchester, Ind., Dec. 31, 1974

Edward Dooley, 56, Cloverdale, Va., Feb. 5, 1975

Martha Rebecca Eckhart, 80, Glen Arm, Md., Nov. 6, 1974

William C. Edmonds, 43, Maurertown, Va., Feb. 19, 1975

Harper Eshinger, 79, Sebring, Fla., Jan. 23, 1975

Marcia Ann Ferrell, 30, Pomona, Calif., March 6, 1975

Flora Miller Fisher, 90, Mexico, Ind., Feb. 20, 1975

Josiah Flora, 100, Dallas Center, Iowa, Feb. 14, 1975

Cecil L. Fox, 81, Oldsmar, Fla., Feb. 22, 1975

Nellie Frantz, 65, Lebanon, Pa., Feb. 9, 1975

Margaret Fuhrman, 64, Manchester, Md., Feb. 24, 1975

Melvin L. Gans, 71, Cottage Grove, Ore., Feb. 16, 1975

William Aaron Hall, 78, Cloverdale, Va., Feb. 26, 1975

Virginia Halteman, 74, Elgin, Ill., Jan. 18, 1975

Minnie Weddle Harman, 84, Halifax, Va., Feb. 6, 1975

Pearl Hawbecker, 88, Shannon, Ill., March 1, 1975

Elma E. Helmick, 82, Cumberland, Md., Nov. 26, 1974

John G. Hershey, 76, Lititz, Pa., Feb. 26, 1975

Helen Wolf Hoke, 58, Manheim, Pa., Feb. 8, 1975

Rosamond I. Howerton, 83, Cloverdale, Va., Feb. 5, 1975

Alva Huber, 91, Glendora, Calif., March 1, 1975

Myrtle Huffman, 91, Roanoke, Va., Feb. 6, 1975

Todd Hunt, 6, Mexico, Ind., Feb. 8, 1975

Amanda Jarrett, 66, Elkhart, Ind., Feb. 9, 1975

Lettie Keeny, 84, New Oxford, Pa., Feb. 11, 1975

Effie Keyes, 95, Mexico, Ind., March 7, 1975

Grace Simmers King, 69, Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 23, 1975

Ruth D. Lees, 83, Waterloo, Iowa, Feb. 25, 1975

J. King Leffler, 56, Myerstown, Pa., Dec. 24, 1974

Mary Leffler, 82, Myerstown, Pa., Jan. 9, 1975

Wilson Leonard Sr., 76, Ligonier, Pa., Jan. 24, 1975

Mattie Long, 88, Greenville, Ohio, Feb. 6, 1975

Alice Marsh, 91, Redondo Beach, Calif., January 1975

Emily R. Martin, 84, Oakland, Md., Dec. 1, 1974

Alice Marvin, 95, Cerro Gordo, Ill., Feb. 14, 1975

Mahlon C. Masterson, 103, Washington, D.C., Nov. 17, 1974

David McCornack, 70, Roanoke, Va., Jan. 11, 1975

Frank McCrossen, 72, Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 26, 1974

Sara McDonald, 42, Cumberland, Md., Jan. 14, 1975

Frank McGonigle, Nickerson, Kans., Nov. 2, 1974

Alberta E. McKinney, 65, Beverly Hills, Fla., Nov. 10, 1974

Elsie M. Michael, 65, Nokesville, Va., March 5, 1975

Olin Middlekauf, 88, Mount Morris, Ill., Jan. 24, 1975

Amelia Eby Miller, 89, Lititz, Pa., Feb. 24, 1975

Elizabeth Replogle Miller, 92, Martinsburg, Pa., July 29, 1974

Guy Miller, 81, Richvalley, Ind., Nov. 15, 1974

Helen Miller, 70, Mishawaka, Ind., Feb. 23, 1975

John R. Miller, 65, Woodbury, Pa., Nov. 25, 1974

William C. Molison, 77, York, Pa., Jan. 6, 1975

Arthur M. Moore, 94, Hollansburg, Ohio, Dec. 24, 1974

Roy Moore, 86, Santa Ana, Calif., Sept. 26, 1974

Velma Moore, 64, Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 5, 1975

Laura Morris, 91, Richmond, Ind., Jan. 12, 1975

William T. Moyer, 70, Waynesboro, Va., Feb. 14, 1975

Minnie F. Neff, 74, Harrisonburg, Va., Jan. 22, 1975

Etha Neker, 78, North Manchester, Ind., Jan. 21, 1975

Grace Nelson, 76, Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 27, 1974

Bessie L. Paul, 82, Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 9, 1975

Ivah Jane Paul, 91, Fordland, Mo., Jan. 23, 1975

George Peat, 78, Lanark, Ill., Jan. 18, 1975

J. Bunyan Peters, 92, Roanoke, Va., Feb. 4, 1975

Clara Petersen, 83, San Diego, Calif., Jan. 15, 1975

Terrell W. Phenice, 34, Honolulu, Hawaii, Jan. 10, 1975

Georgie Flora Plunkett, 85, Boones Mill, Va., Dec. 26, 1974

Elmer Randler, 71, Mount Joy, Pa., Jan. 22, 1975

Ralph G. Rarick, 81, Elkhart, Ind., Jan. 17, 1975

Owen Rich, 79, Richmond, Ind., Jan. 16, 1975

Mary Marker Rippetoe, 76, Greenville, Ohio, Dec. 7, 1974

James Elwood Rodgers, 49, Eden, N.C., Dec. 22, 1974

Earl B. Rohrer, 80, Lititz, Pa., Jan. 10, 1975

Hartley Ronk, 82, Marion, Ind., Jan. 12, 1975

C. Merle Rummel, 68, New Paris, Pa., Dec. 9, 1974

Mary Schleinitz, 54, Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 24, 1974

A. Lucille Schroyer, 55, College Park, Md., Jan. 18, 1975

Leonard Schultz Sr., 71, Greenville, Ohio, Oct. 13, 1974

Ethel Secrest, 82, Roanoke, Va., Jan. 19, 1975

Roy J. Showalter, 83, Canton, Ohio, Jan. 16, 1975

Elmer W. Showms, 81, New Market, Va., Nov. 15, 1974

Mary Jane Miller Simmons, 83, Bridgewater, Va., Dec. 8, 1974

Maurice D. F. Slifer, 96, Frederick, Md., Jan. 2, 1975

Larry Smallwood, 17, Marcum, Ky., Jan. 3, 1975

Jesse Smith, 89, Marcum, Ky., Dec. 18, 1974

Jim Smith, 82, Marcum, Ky., Nov. 16, 1974

Mrs. W. Harlan (Frances) Smith, 79, North Manchester, Ind., Feb. 21, 1975

Levi K. Sollenberger, 79, Martinsburg, Pa., Jan. 5, 1975

Jean Spoon, 80, Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 13, 1975

George Strycker, 76, Goshen, Ind., Feb. 4, 1975

Sylvan Studebaker, 62, Pennville, Ind., Jan. 20, 1975

Otis Taylor, 87, Mound City, Mo., Jan. 12, 1975

Ora Bacil Thomas, 72, Leeton, Mo., Feb. 11, 1975

Dennis L. Thompson, 80, Mount Perry, Ohio, Oct. 21, 1974

Henry H. Torrence, 72, Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 19, 1974

Russell O. Umphress, 62, Seymour, Ind., Dec. 4, 1974

Lielia J. Walton, 80, Castro Valley, Calif., Dec. 26, 1974

Guy G. Warfield, 56, Norwich, Ohio, Jan. 22, 1975

Anna Weaver, Proctor, Mont., Aug. 24, 1974

Ernest Weaver, 62, Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 22, 1974

Mabel Wenger, 87, Neffsville, Pa., Dec. 31, 1974

Henry Wertz, 94, Quinter, Kans., Jan. 25, 1975

John Williams, 49, Allentown, Pa., Jan. 12, 1975

Edna Wisseman, 74, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 29, 1970

Harold W. Wolfe, 61, Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 8, 1974

Paul Wolfe, 65, Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 12, 1971

William Homer Zigler, 94, Bridgewater, Va., Dec. 28, 1974

Elsie Zimmerman, 54, Baltimore, Md., Oct. 25, 1974

Long Beach: Christ

This is the story of how to enable a church really to grow, to set attendance goals and then meet them.

In five years the Long Beach Church of the Brethren has doubled the average attendance at worship to 300 and participation in the church school has increased to 200. Once among the group of churches that had been losing members, the congregation now is gaining. "Seventy-four new members in 1974" was the watch-

Dr. James S. Flora, Long Beach's pastor

word all through 1974. On the last Sunday of the year the goal was attained.

Long Beach is a city of 365,000, part of metropolitan Los Angeles with 10,000,000 people—half the population of the state and the second most populous area in the nation. Brethren have been ministering here for almost 70 years.

When the church desired to call a new pastor in 1970, it sought one who knew how to enable a church to grow large without people getting lost in numbers. The call was issued to James S. Flora of the Palmyra church in Pennsylvania.

Pastor Flora was ever ready to try something new. He and the church sought exposure to the larger area by having a 15-minute radio program for two years. When they believed they had reached their objective, they relinquished this form of reaching out and sought another. Perhaps the one single event that started the ball rolling about three years ago was the beginning of an exciting "bus ministry."

Pastor Jim had graduated from Bethany in 1956 and had further training. But new challenges and needs were present, so in 1972 he enrolled in a doctoral program at the California Graduate School of Theology. There he was introduced to the bus ministry as a means of more rapid church growth.

The Board of Administration of the Long Beach church first agreed to rent a van weekly and start a bus route in the surrounding neighborhood. It wasn't long before the church purchased a van to continue its new ministry. Today the congregation operates a 60-passenger bus and two vans every Sunday to bring in about 70 community boys and girls. A further expansion of this ministry is being considered.

If you want to find excitement in a Sunday school program, suddenly add this many new children to the rolls. It brings a thrill along with a few problems such as discipline, space in classrooms, and having

enough materials. But the new life in the church school makes it worthwhile. Carolyn Barnhart, chairperson of the Christian Education Commission, and the staff of teachers are thorough and patient.

A further step in the church's enlarging ministry came two years ago when Roy Richey, retired pastor from many years experience in Indiana and the surrounding area, came on the staff as associate pastor. The two pastors worked closely together with lay leadership in determining needs and opportunities.

The first step in the ground work was some goal setting. Almost without exception, progress is made in proportion to the goals at hand. When Jim and Roy announced the goal of "74 new people for Christ in 1974," the members of the congregation hardly took it seriously. But when Pastor Roy asked each member to sign a commitment card stating that that person would "pray every day for at least 40 new members by Easter," the congregation suddenly experienced the new power that comes from nearly 200 persons praying every day for their church. By the end of the year 31 persons had been baptized and 43 had joined the church by transfer of letter or reaffirmation of faith.

Coupled with daily prayer was a consistent visitation program. Pastors Jim and Roy discovered that the one thing desperately needed in their city ministry was an "evangelistic approach." Therefore a regular visitation program was added to the bus ministry. Pastor Roy headed this weekly Thursday evening program. At present it continues on a biweekly basis; and regular visitors such as Kenny Cool, Jerry Welty and Larry Barnhart are now training others to make an effective personal witness for Christ.

The vision to grow and meet emerging needs caught up youth and older members as well. A growing ministry with and for youth is being carried on under the leadership of Bud and Diana Davis. There are nearly 50 junior and senior high youth now involved in the regular Sunday schedule. In addition there is a regular Monday evening Bible study group that

Above center: Greeting the worshipers

Above: Goodies close the morning program

Right: A 60-passenger bus brings them in

derives from character development and a lean, direct narrative form.

The story is simple enough: 18-year-old Jill Kinmont, winner of the national junior and women's slalom, has a good chance to make the United States Olympic team for 1956. Determined to beat her only close rival in the Snow Cap Race at Alta, Utah, in January of 1955, she doesn't check her speed on the dangerous Corkscrew slope and loses control. In a plunge over a precipice, her neck is broken and her spinal cord severed.

Director Larry Peerce's ("Goodbye, Columbus," "A Separate Peace") choice of Marilyn Hassett to play Jill — a role no big-name star could fill — is excellent. Ms. Hassett possesses the strength, naturalness, and emotional range that makes Jill believable, whether she is expressing her determination to win, or fighting for the privilege of life after her near-fatal accident. Mr. Peerce invests his film with accuracy and realism and allows no emotional overindulgence. Even in the film's most pathetic moments, Jill's tears flow without dramatic artificiality. This total lack of pathos in a basically tragic story gives the film a compelling, upbeat strength.

There are many moving and amusing scenes involving Jill and her parents (Nan Martin, Bill Bryant), her brothers, her best friend (Belinda Montgomery) and her boyfriend, Dick "Mad Dog" Buek (Beau Bridges) who all must adapt in their own ways to the difficult situation. Dick convinces Jill they should get married and describes the house he'll build with ramps so she can maneuver with her wheel chair. Although these plans are never realized, by the end of the film, Jill has fought for and found her place in life as a teacher.

The film's feeling of authenticity is especially effective in the skiing sequences (set against magnificent backgrounds) and in the hospital and rehabilitation center scenes.

Impressionable youngsters may be disturbed by the realistic depiction of Jill's agony and by the candid references to her loss of normal bodily functions.

"The Other Side of the Mountain" strikes a balance between hope and despair and between a handicapped person's need to depend upon his own faith and courage and the supporting efforts of family, friends and the medical community.

In sum, the story is a celebration of human courage. [ ]

Licensing/Ordination

Kerry Barrett, licensed, Oct. 6, 1974, North Webster, Northern Indiana

Tom Clark, licensed March 16, 1975, Florence, Northern Indiana

William Clark, licensed November 1974, Middle Atlantic District

Paul E. Grout, licensed April 13, 1975, Lititz, Atlantic Northeast

Joel D. Kline, Bethany senior, ordained April 6, 1975, Chambersburg, Southern Pennsylvania

Timothy D. Shirt, licensed March 9, 1975, Moxham, Western Pennsylvania

Rolland P. and Bonnie Smith, licensed April 6, 1975, Huntington, South Central Indiana

Diane Lynn Wilt, licensed March 9, 1975, Scalp Level, Western Pennsylvania

Pastoral Placements

J. Douglas Archer from other denomination, to Bethany, Northern Indiana

Calvin E. Cheek, from Topeka, Western Plains, to Markle, South Central Indiana

John Johnson, to Beech Run, Middle Pennsylvania

Robert W. Krouse, from Bethany Senior, Illinois Wisconsin, to Trinity, Baltimore, Middle Atlantic

Calvin Lee Lawyer, from Bethany Senior, Illinois Wisconsin, to Mt. Olivet, Shenandoah

Terry Porter, from other denomination, to Du Pont, Northern Ohio

William M. Pugh, from Trinity, Virlina, to Mason Cove, Virlina

Robert Wood, to Eagle Creek, Northern Ohio

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ardinger, La Verne, Calif., 64

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Brown, Orlando, Fla., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Burkhart, Cando, N. Dak., 58

Mr. and Mrs. John Lockard, Cloverdale, Va., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin, Lathrop, Mo., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. McKinney, New Carlisle, Ohio, 60

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller, Norborne, Mo., 52

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Munson, Dixon, Ill., 50

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. W. Stouffer, Chambersburg, Pa., 65

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Tannreuther, Waterloo, Iowa, 55

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Taylor, Flint, Mich., 55

Deaths

Phillip Anderson, 73, Mattawana, Pa., March 7, 1975

William Anderson, 46, Mattawana, Pa., March 7, 1975

Mrs. Sam Ausherman, Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 1974

Mae Baker, 78, Greenville, Ohio, March 26, 1975

Amos Bewley, 76, East Petersburg, Pa., Jan. 13, 1975

Alma Beyard, Hagerstown, Md., March 1975

Alice Bucklew, 82, Rio, W. Va., March 17, 1975

Earl Butts Jr., Hagerstown, Md., May 1974

Robert L. Byrd, 77, Bridgewater, Va., March 2, 1975

Jerry Kyle Cole, 99, Pilot, Va., Jan. 29, 1975

Mae Sowers Cole, 95, Pilot, Va., Feb. 12, 1975

Margaret Sigler Cool, 68, Middletown, Md., March 3, 1975

Samuel Crumpacker, 52, Cloverdale, Va., March 12, 1975

Grace Miller Dunwin, 84, Woodbridge, Va., March 29, 1975

Eliza B. Freed, 104, Williamstown, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1974

Effie E. Glick, 76, Dayton, Va., March 11, 1975

Hattie Glosser, Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 1974

Anna Gouker, 64, Myersville, Md., June 21, 1974

Eva Griffith, Winston-Salem, N. Car., March 3, 1975

Edward Harper, 71, Big Timber, Mont., Feb. 13, 1975

Ruth Hoffman, Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 74

Clyde W. Holsinger, 55, North Manchester, Ind., April 13, 1975

Edna Horst, Hagerstown, Md., June 1974

Velma Hovatter, Ft. Meyers, Fla., Feb. 18, 1975

Viola Kepler, 84, Kansas City, Kans., March 6, 1975

Edith Cressman Long, 88, Boonsboro, Md., March 5, 1975

Carroll Merrow, 62, Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1975

Newton A. Michael, Bridgewater, Va., Dec. 2, 1974

Frances Miller, 68, Ashland, Ohio, March 1, 1975

Ivan Miller, Hagerstown, Md., 1974

Lois Mosley, 69, Albia, Iowa, Feb. 21, 1975

Allen Nolt Sr., 59, Richland, Pa., Feb. 20, 1975

Frances Oliver, 83, Cloverdale, Va., March 7, 1975

Howard Overacker, 80, Cloverdale, Va., Feb. 13, 1975

Sadie Rau Overholtzer, 91, Parker Ford, Pa., Jan. 12, 1975

Nora Mae Palner, 78, Boonsboro, Md., Feb. 24, 1975

Cora Parmer, 83, Leola, Pa., March 26, 1975

Clara Petersen, 83, San Diego, Calif., Jan. 15, 1975

Bessie E. Plank, 83, New Oxford, Pa., Feb. 16, 1975

Minter Prickett, 79, Cloverdale, Va., Feb. 7, 1975

Mary Jane Puffenberger, Washington, D.C., Feb. 18, 1975

Thomas Rader, 78, Fincastle, Va., Feb. 17, 1975

M. E. (Wood) Ratliff, 75, Cloverdale, Va., March 14, 1975

Mahlon Reich, 69, Ephrata, Pa., Feb. 13, 1975

Maude Hershberger Rhodes, 90, Martinsburg, Pa., Aug. 22, 1974

Harry Richardson, 77, Elgin, Ill., March 14, 1975

Marie Rininger, 84, Akron, Ohio, Jan. 2, 1975

Robert A. Rinker, 95, New Oxford, Pa., March 23, 1975

Mary Neva Rowland, 84, Newton, Kans., Aug. 15, 1974

Alma Jane Royer, 95, West Milton, Ohio, March 14, 1975

Ruth Runyon, 76, Chambersburg, Pa., Feb. 9, 1975

Galen B. Sargent, 73, Sebring, Fla., Feb. 6, 1975

Margaret Seegmiller, 79, Waterloo, Iowa, March 11, 1975

Walter C. Sell, 79, La Verne, Calif., March 5, 1975

Robert C. Shue, 62, York, Pa., Jan. 20, 1975

Clara Reiff Simon, 85, Parker Ford, Pa., Dec. 23, 1974

Cornelius K. Simon, 86, Santa Ana, Calif., Feb. 16, 1975

Agnes Sjaastad, 76, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 13, 1975

Charles Smith, 59, Ligonier, Pa., Feb. 1, 1975

John Longfield-Smith, 51, Sebring, Fla., Feb. 5, 1975

Mabel Sprecher, Hagerstown, Md., May 1974

Bruce Stauffer, 17, Hutchinson, Kans., Jan. 1, 1975

Marie Stauffer, 73, Sebring, Fla., Feb. 11, 1975

Chalmer C. Steele, 83, Hollidaysburg, Pa., Feb. 20, 1975

Fred Steele, 70, McPherson, Kans., Jan. 25, 1975

Oscar Stern, 87, Franklin Grove, Ill., April 5, 1975

Raymond Stogdale, 62, Crimora, Va., Dec. 20, 1974

Henry Stover, 79, McPherson, Kans., Jan. 7, 1975

Nellie Stutzman, 70, Berlin, Pa., Jan. 25, 1975

Ben Franklin Switzer, 80, Newton, Kans., Nov. 7, 1974

Bertha G. Trimmer, 99, Carlisle, Pa., Dec. 2, 1974

Edwin Trummel, 64, Oakley, Ill., Feb. 1, 1975

Winifred Upton, 79, Seattle, Wash., Feb. 4, 1975

Nathan Vance, 72, Elkins, W. Va., Nov. 8, 1974

John Vanderleest, Newton, Iowa, Jan. 10, 1975

Cecil R. Wagoner, 63, Waterloo, Iowa, Feb. 5, 1975

Daisy Wastler, Hagerstown, Md., March 1974

Ervin Weaver, 86, North Manchester, Ind., Nov. 15, 1974

Marian Weeks, 82, Cloverdale, Va., Feb. 5, 1975

William J. Weigley, 81, Orrville, Ohio, Feb. 7, 1975

Lottie Weimer, 65, Somerset, Pa., Oct. 18, 1974

Henry Wertz, 93, Quinter, Kans., Jan. 25, 1975

Emma Wheatley, 65, South Bend, Ind., March 13, 1975

Leah Will, 95, Newton, Kans., Sept. 13, 1974

Frank Williams, Waynesboro, Va., Dec. 24, 1974

Nina Williams, 67, Marshalltown, Iowa, Feb. 22, 1975

Strangers in the land . . .

When a top official of the National Council of Churches was asked this spring if Church World Service might soon be back in the refugee business, the reply was that he certainly hoped not. After all, he said, the plight of South Vietnam refugees was the problem of the US government, and it was with the government that the onus for their relocation and rehabilitation should rest. Yet, two weeks later, Church World Service was entering the refugee business on a full-fledged scale.

From the congregational scene the purview was much the same. The members of one witness commission debated the wisdom of bringing newcomers to the community when some resident families could not obtain jobs and housing. That very day, for example, the woman chairing the commission, a public school social worker, had bade good-bye to a family with ten children returning "home" to Kentucky. After three years of living and working in the local community, the father was laid off and for the past six months had been unable to find employment. In the midst of such circumstances, the commission members pondered, how could the church responsibly bring in new houseseekers and jobseekers?

Here, too, the question soon proved academic, for a fortnight later that same congregation was greeting its first Vietnamese refugee family. Faced with a concrete need, a flesh and blood opportunity for compassion, the congregation put its fears and anxieties aside and turned loose its creative energies.

That turnabout course may be repeated in fifty congregations of the Church of the Brethren, and in hundreds of parishes in other denominations as well, as quotas are pursued for the resettlement of Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees (see articles, pages 3 and 4). The experience is appropriate for the church, for there is something distinctly religious about regard for the stranger or outcast in one's midst.

This is not to dismiss as invalid the misgivings or even the grudges that may be expressed. Why should those of us who long opposed our nation's course in Vietnam give sanctuary particularly to those Vietnamese most identified with that policy? Did the "wrong people" leave Vietnam? Is it, as with immigrants of any time or place, in their best interest to settle here, in a culture so vastly different from their own?

Beside these questions are to be placed other perspectives. For example, the tradition of our country as a place of refuge for the victims of war and oppression. The trust many of these refugees placed in the power of America. The fact that 150,000 refugees compares with but a single month's immigration to this nation at the turn of the century.

And the reality, as Associated Church Press correspondent John S. Workman reported from Fort Chaffee, Ark., that "the refugees are here. They are a hurting people. And there is only one thing to do when people hurt. Help. Minister."

Workman pointed out that the initial reaction of people in the Fort Chaffee area to the refugees' coming was one of disapproval—disapproval that soon was to be tempered by information and reflection. He added that by becoming involved, by treating the refugees as they themselves would wish to be treated, the members of the Christian community reaffirmed the truth that "when you minister you are ministered unto."

"When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall do him no wrong. The stranger . . . shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land. . . ." Leviticus 19:33-34 admonishes.

Whatever the factors that would suggest otherwise, those individuals, those churches, that nation which heed these words will be the stronger for it. — H.E.R.

Licensing/ Ordination

James Abe, ordained June 15, 1975, Painesville, Northern Ohio

Tim Bartholomew, licensed April 20, 1975, Zion Hill, Northern Ohio

Robert Blake, ordained May 18, 1975, Mack Memorial, Southern Ohio

Carl Blakeman, licensed April 20, 1975, Zion Hill, Northern Ohio

Steve Blakeman, licensed April 20, 1975, Zion Hill, Northern Ohio

Linda Block-Coalter, licensed April 27, 1975, First Church, Atlantic Northeast

Terry Wynn Fogle, licensed April 6, 1975, Frederick, Mid-Atlantic

Mary Hoover, licensed April 27, 1975, First Church, Atlantic Northeast

Julie Hostettler, licensed May 4, 1975, York Center, Illinois/Wisconsin

E. Merritt Hulst, ordained April 13, 1975, Cedar Grove, Southern Ohio

Joseph Moore, licensed April 13, 1975, Cedar Grove, Southern Ohio

Beth Rieman, ordained April 27, 1975, Mack Memorial, Southern Ohio

Sam J. Sliger, licensed May 4, 1975, York Center, Illinois/Wisconsin

Gail Snyder, re-ordained December 15, 1974, Topeka, Western Plains

James Thurman, licensed May 25, 1975, Mount Pleasant, Northern Ohio

Murray Wagner II, ordained March 16, 1975, Chicago First Church, Illinois/Wisconsin

Pastoral Placements

Leroy James and Marla Bieber Abe, from Bethany, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Oklahoma City, Southern Plains

Robert Paul Blake, from Bethany Seminary, Illinois Wisconsin, to Pleasant Hill, Southern Ohio

Ronald Cassidente, resigned from Batavia Faith, Illinois/Wisconsin, to Lutheran General Hospital, Park Ridge, Ill.

J. Oliver Dearing, from Pleasant Dale, South/Central Indiana, to Cedar Grove, Southern Ohio

Scott Duffey, from Bridgewater College, to Salem, interim pastor, Shenandoah

Willard L. Grant, from Woodgrove-Christian Parish, Michigan, to Loon Creek, South/Central Indiana

Gene F. Hipskind, from Waterford, Pacific Southwest, to Nappanee, Northern Indiana

Joel David Kline, from Bethany Seminary, Illinois Wisconsin, to Big Swatara, Atlantic Northeast

Larry Dean Little, from secular, to Libertyville, Northern Plains

Roy Myers, from York, Second, Southern Pennsylvania, to Aughwick (German Valley, Sugar Run), Middle Pennsylvania

Allan L. Patterson, from secular, to St. Joseph, Missouri

Rhett Petcher, resigned Red Hill, Virlina

Jim Shields, to interim pastor, Oklahoma City, Southern Plains

Emory Smith, resigned Fostoria, Northern Ohio, to retirement

Earl Stovall, to Pine Grove, Shenandoah

James E. Talcott, resigned from Manchester, South Central Indiana

James E. Tomlonson, from NISBCO to Root River, Northern Plains

Barry Weber, resigned Springfield, Illinois Wisconsin, to graduate study, Loyola University, Chicago

Ronald K. Wine, from District Executive, Southeastern, to Anderson, South Central Indiana

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Banning, Indianapolis, Ind., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dye, Norborne, Mo., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flory, Paradise, Calif., 66

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Grim, Kansas City, Kans., 53

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hatch, Franklin Grove, Ill., 55

Mr. and Mrs. Harley F. Hoover, Albany, Ore., 58

Mr. and Mrs. James Hoover, Norborne, Mo., 61

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Koontz, Johnstown, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Layser, Myerstown, Pa., 60

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Carrollton, Mo., 52

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben D. Wickert, Astoria, Ill., 55

113th BVS Training Unit

Kathy Baxter, of Timonium, Md., to Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass.

Heidi Bates, of Allentown, Pa., to Fahrney-Keedy Home, Boonsboro, Md.

Tina Bowman, of Dayton, Ohio, to Black Rock Church of the Brethren, Brodbecks, Pa.

Linda Carpenter, of Millersburg, Ind., to Handi-Camp, Inc., Tucson, Ariz.

Becky Eberly, of Ligonier, Ind., to Bar 41 Ranch, Wilbur, Wash.

Phil Gibboney, of Elgin, Ill., to Marion County Juvenile Center, Indianapolis, Ind.

Diane Gosnell, of New Windsor, Md., to Better Way, Inc., Elyria, Ohio.

Karin Hills, of Elgin, Ill., (left program—did not accept an assignment).

Jeff Miller, of Palmyra, Pa., to Good Shepherd Home, Fostoria, Ohio.

Sharon Millison, of Poland, Ohio, to Dundalk Youth Center, Dundalk, Md.

Marvin TenBrink, of Battle Creek, Mich., to Peter Becker Home, Harleysville, Pa.

Dave Whitten, of Elgin, Ill., to Gould Farm, Monterey, Mass.

Donna and Tom Yingling, of Martinsburg, Pa., to Camp La Verne, Angelus Oaks, Calif.

Deaths

Goldie Rusher Barnhart, Roanoke, Va., Aug. 19, 1974

Daniel Bennett, 73, Turkey Valley, Hollidaysburg, Pa., April 1975

Maurice Berkley, 93, Hiawatha, Kans., Oct. 22, 1974

Grace B. Booz, 78, Shippensburg, Pa., March 15, 1975

Homer E. Bower, 86, New Carlisle, Ohio, April 25, 1975

Dorus I. Bowman, Rocky Mount, Va., May 16, 1974

Lela-May Bradenburg, 90, Boonsboro, Md., March 20, 1975

Estelle Brant, Brodbecks, Pa., Feb. 7, 1975

Earl K. Brillhart, 74, Warrensburg, Mo., April 27, 1975

Grace Brubaker, Rocky Mount, Va., July 12, 1974

Elizabeth "Sadie" Buchholz, 89, Morrill, Kans., Sept. 29, 1974

Howard Button, 88, La Verne, Calif., March 1, 1975

Mary Call, 87, Klamath Falls, Ore., Feb. 18, 1975

Gladys Carper, 59, Hollidaysburg, Pa., March 4, 1975

Myrtle B. Carr, 87, Bellefontaine, Ohio, April 19, 1975

John C. Cassel, 88, Neffsville, Pa., Feb. 28, 1975

Joseph Clapper, 89, Hopewell, Pa., April 5, 1975

Forrest D. Click, 80, Weyers Cave, Va., April 25, 1975

Violet Corbin, Harrisonburg, Va., April 11, 1975

J. Ivan Crawford, 60, Flat Rock, Ill., March 26, 1975

Sarah Dubbs, 77, Wakarusa, Ind., March 13, 1975

Robert Dunkin, 66, Flora, Ind., Feb. 28, 1975

Leona Etter, 77, Trotwood, Ohio, April 1, 1975

James Felts, Rocky Mount, Va., Dec. 2, 1974

Marcia Ann Ferrell, 30, La Verne, Calif., March 6, 1975

Sam Whitney Fisher, 63, Nappanee, Ind., April 11, 1975

George Flora, Rocky Mount, Va., Nov. 21, 1974

Marvin Flora, Rocky Mount, Va., Jan. 20, 1974

Don Follis, 63, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., March 17, 1975

Nora L. Garman, 81, Nokesville, Va., April 24, 1975

Mrs. Quentin Gleim, 74, Hummelstown, Pa., March 1, 1975

Rudolph S. Glick, 71, Bridgewater, Va., April 26, 1975

J. Homer Graybill, 75, Manheim, Pa., April 28, 1975

Mrs. Wilmer Hammaker, 86, Dauphin, Pa., Feb. 24, 1975

William C. Hare, 64, Polo, Ill., March 6, 1975

Edith A. Harter, 85, Sebring, Fla., March 16, 1975

Donovan Hollar, 61, Nappanee, Ind., April 15, 1975

Kenneth Hunod, 61, Naperville, Ill., March 8, 1975

Hazel Humphrey, 73, Peebles, Ohio, March 27, 1975

Lloyd E. Kagarise, 64, Riddlesburg, Pa., Feb. 21, 1975

Edward Kimmer, 95, North Manchester, Ind., April 1, 1975

Richard Knaut, York, Pa., March 30, 1975

Pearle M. Lambert, 77, Peebles, Ohio, Dec. 12, 1974

Edith Lehman, 53, Seven Valleys, Pa., March 8, 1975

Leroy Lehman, 80, Glendora, Calif., April 1, 1975

Melvin Lucas, 60, Roanoke, Va., Jan. 13, 1975

Lucinda Miller Mays, Elizabethtown, Pa., April 13, 1975

D. J. McCann, 80, Oklahoma City, Okla., March 30, 1975

Mrs. Jessie McCary, Harrisonburg, Va., April 4, 1975

Elsie F. Michael, 66, Nokesville, Va., March 5, 1975

Mary Sue Michael, 58, Roanoke, Va., Feb. 18, 1975

Graybill Miller, 72, Elm, Pa., March 5, 1975

Harry Miller, 90, Claysburg, Pa., March 5, 1975

Jesse W. Naff, Richmond, Va., Feb. 27, 1975

Robert Norum, 50, Crocker, Mo., March 6, 1975

W. Cecil Parsell, 51, Roanoke, Va., March 26, 1975

Charles E. Peck, 93, Falls City, Nebr., April 10, 1975

Tony Peters, 21, Roanoke, Va., April 15, 1975

Paul Wesley Piper, 74, Shippensburg, Pa., Jan. 15, 1975

Ethel Price, 80, Plymouth, Ind., April 12, 1975

Dovie Pryor, 86, Ashland, Ohio, March 25, 1975

Clarence Ream, 91, Mexico, Ind., April 9, 1975

J. Homer Reasy, 69, Roaring Spring, Pa., March 31, 1975

Valentine Bruce Reichard, 84, Boonsboro, Md., April 28, 1975

Solomon Rodamer, 86, New Oxford, Pa., March 29, 1975

E. Lloyd Roth, 68, York, Pa., April 11, 1975

Arthur Ruble, 87, Polo, Ill., Jan. 2, 1975

Sarah Ruffner, 84, Flora, Ind., March 7, 1975

Jessie Rusert, 67, Mexico, Ind., April 22, 1975

Amelia M. Sausser, 82, Lititz, Pa., April 23, 1975

Nevin Schoenenberger, Coopersburg, Pa., Aug. 23, 1974

Una Searer, 80, Wakarusa, Ind., June 2, 1974

Walter C. Sell, 78, La Verne, Calif., March 5, 1975

Doshia Shively, 82, Nappanee, Ind., March 14, 1975

Iona Smith, 84, Martinsburg, Pa., March 28, 1975

Vesta Smith, 94, Marcum, Ky., Jan. 30, 1975

Mary J. Snapp, 80, Denver, Iowa, Feb. 21, 1975

Kenneth H. Sollenberger, 56, Curryville, Pa., April 13, 1975

Donna Sooby, Garden City, Kans., May 16, 1975

Lillie Sowers, 80, Willis, Va., May 8, 1975

Loren Sroufe, 74, North Manchester, Ind., March 10, 1975

Ida M. Stover, 83, Morrill, Kans., March 16, 1975

Emma Summers, 87, Richmond, Mo., April 16, 1975

Eva Swartz, 84, Morrill, Kans., Dec. 16, 1974

G. Garland Tanner, 71, Grottoes, Va., April 21, 1975

Alvin Thomas, 61, Johnstown, Pa., March 14, 1975

Phillip Thompson, 30, Mt. Crawford, Va., Nov. 9, 1974

Hazel Treace, 82, Ashland, Ohio, April 6, 1975

Orville Turner, 70, Marion, Ohio, Feb. 16, 1975

Mamie M. Vaniman, 88, Trotwood, Ohio, April 3, 1975

Catherine Wampler, 63, Bridgewater, Va., April 7, 1975

Everett L. Wampler, 80, Mt. Sidney, Va., Feb. 28, 1975

Marvin Weaver Jr., Coopersburg, Pa., Nov. 17, 1974

Harry T. Webb, Rocky Mount, Va., May 15, 1974

Paul D. Welsh, 78, York, Pa., April 22, 1975

Harold O. Westrup, 63, Morrill, Kans., March 22, 1975

Samuel L. Whisler, 94, Alvordton, Ohio, April 11, 1975

Ralph Winand, 61, Brodbecks, Pa., March 15, 1975

Earl Wolfe, 84, Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 19, 1975

May Worley, 90, McPherson, Kans., Feb. 10, 1975

Ida Yost, 83, Brodbecks, Pa., April 23, 1975

Lester Youmans, 55, Peru, Ind., Feb. 13, 1975

Hallie Zellers, 77, Mexico, Ind., April 2, 1975

Bessie Kinacofe Zimmerman, Bridgewater, Va., March 13, 1975

The hope

by Edward Kintner

Dear Bill,

The conversation to which you refer was too one-sided to be very satisfying to either of us, for it was evident that your first concern had to be piloting the plane, while all I did was gab. I'll do what I can to state some of my thinking, though you may find it more or less poorly arranged and sometimes not too clear.

As a matter of course, any follower of the Master will have questions come into his thinking and he is likely to try to find answers. That often happened to The Twelve when they were with Him and sometimes they were afraid to ask him for the answers. But in his last long talk with them just before his betrayal he told them that there were many things he wanted to tell them, but they were not able to bear (understand) them; but when the Holy Spirit (Comforter) would come he would help them to further, deeper understanding. Quite probably you have had some scripture that puzzled you every time you saw it. Then, perhaps when you were not thinking about it, you ran across it and quite suddenly it was clear as day. You are likely to have experiences of that sort more often as your Christian experience lengthens and deepens. When you become a doctor, have Christ with you in your office, the sick room, the hospital, wherever you touch patients.

Many times I read and heard read what Jesus said to Martha when they met after Lazarus's death: "He who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die" (John 11:25-26). He made the first part come true when at his call Lazarus came forth. But quite evidently Lazarus "died" again, though we have no account of it. I should like to have been among the people who went to see Lazarus, and to have talked with him!

How could it be true that "whoever lives and believes in me shall never die?" Then one day, I got to thinking about butterflies

Pastoral Placements

S. La Verne Hinson, from secular to Decatur, Illinois Wisconsin

Fred A. Jordan Sr., from secular, to Trinity, Virlina

J. Ronald Mummert, from Middletown, Southern Ohio, to New Enterprise, Middle Pennsylvania

Tom Shannon, from Canton, Maple Ave., Northern Ohio, to Alliance, Northern Ohio

Clarence D. Sink, from Elkhart City, Northern Indiana, to Middlebury, Northern Indiana

Wedding Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Etter, Pandora, Ohio, 50

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Forror, El Cajon, Calif., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Phares Gross, Hatfield, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harris, Cando, N. Dak., 62

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hepner, La Verne, Calif., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill King, Peru, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Warren J. Miller, Bremen, Ind., 54

Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Mitchell, Floyd, Va., 61

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Neff, Nappanee, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reed, Alum Ridge, Va., 54

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schmidt, Modesto, Calif., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Sherred, Denver, Colo., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Stubbs, Hagerstown, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Swank Sr., Sebring, Fla., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Vore, Lima, Ohio, 50

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wakeman, Luray, Va., 57

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wort, Sebring, Fla., 51

Deaths

Sadie Cox Akers, 79, Alum Ridge, Va., May 6, 1975

Luella Akley, Goshen, Ind., Jan. 15, 1975

Orville Albright, 52, Roaring Spring, Pa., May 17, 1975

Hassell Alley, 54, Riner, Va., June 3, 1975

Albert Anderson, 81, Quinter, Kans., May 29, 1975

Vernon Baker, 88, Doubs, Md., June 24, 1975

Ingeborg Nybe Nielsen Esbensen Bendsen, 87, Richmond, Ind., June 19, 1975

Mary Bestor, 99, Rochester, Minn., May 17, 1975

John Brant Sr., 84, Dallastown, Pa., May 26, 1975

Giles Broadwater, 61, Harmony, Minn., May 12, 1975

Melvin Brown, 86, Eldorado, Ohio, May 30, 1975

Alda E. Brunner, 64, Chambersburg, Pa., May 30, 1975

Ethel Butterbaugh, 83, Chambersburg, Pa., April 1, 1975

Bessie Butterbaugh, 83, South Bend, Ind., June 14, 1975

Wanona Carder, 58, Fisherville, Va., May 19, 1975

Melvin Chisholm, 67, Garrett, Ind., May 16, 1975

Ruth S. Coffman, 67, White, Pa., June 14, 1975

Mary Conrad, Goshen, Ind., Nov. 25, 1974

Mary Coy, 86, Salem, Ohio, March 30, 1975

Mark Cripe, 64, La Mesa, Calif., May 4, 1975

Harry Dayton Sr., 67, Windber, Pa., April 3, 1975

Floyd Dutrow, 66, Myersville, Md., April 5, 1975

Lura C. Evans, Goshen, Ind., Nov. 30, 1974

Dossie Webb Fewell, 94, Peru, Ind., May 26, 1975

Mrs. Ocye Fink, 88, Martinsburg, Pa., June 12, 1975

Susie Fissgus, Goshen, Ind., Feb. 2, 1975

Charles Fortune, 93, Pontiac, Mich., April 19, 1975

Minnie Lee Germaine, 52, Sebring, Fla., June 13, 1975

Alvia Greer, 68, North Manchester, Ind., June 2, 1975

Clayton Greist, York, Pa., May 16, 1975

Bessie Grossnickle, 87, Myersville, Md., May 24, 1975

Carrie Grossnickle, 77, New Windsor, Md., May 26, 1975

Nancy Flory Harris, 66, Staunton, Va., May 18, 1975

Henry H. Hauenstein, 79, Worthington, Minn., June 16, 1975

Earl Hill, 64, Windber, Pa., March 21, 1975

Hazel Holsinger, Eldorado, Ohio, March 20, 1975

Irvin Hoover, Battle Creek, Mich., May 8, 1975

Elton Houston, 66, Independence, Mo., May 21, 1975

Ernest Johnson, 75, Girard, Ill., May 25, 1975

Clarence Johnston, 83, Waterloo, Iowa, April 2, 1975

Martin L. Keith Sr., 75, Cloverdale, Va., May 24, 1975

Myron Samuel Kennedy, Goshen, Ind., Sept. 21, 1974

John D. Leight, 83, Chambersburg, Pa., May 31, 1975

Edward W. Lichty, 84, Waterloo, Iowa, May 9, 1975

Paul Lewis Linkenhoker, 32, Alum Ridge, Va., Dec. 4, 1974

Dorner Long Sr., Goshen, Ind., July 13, 1974

Lillian Allison Longanecker, 57, Columbiana, Ohio, Dec. 15, 1974

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Lois McClain, 73, Richmond, Ind., June 5, 1975

John McKnight, 80, Quinter, Kans., May 18, 1975

Clark Mead, 77, Oakwood, Ohio, April 1975

John Measel, 77, Defiance, Ohio, May 1975

Blanche Michael, North Manchester, Ind., June 8, 1975

Edith Miller, 86, North Manchester, Ind., May 9, 1975

Lelia Gentry Miller, 80, Bridgewater, Va., June 10, 1975

Treva Miller, 77, Lewisburg, Ohio, June 17, 1975

Lester Leroy Murray, 70, Omak, Wash., June 14, 1975

Charles Lynn Myers, 76, Mexico, Ind., June 25, 1975

Chris Myers, 85, Loganville, Pa., May 8, 1975

James Payne, 73, Independence, Mo., May 22, 1975

William H. Pearson, 82, Broad Top City, Pa., May 24, 1975

Russell Pine, 63, Columbiana, Ohio, Feb. 28, 1975

Elsie Platt, 82, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, June 16, 1975

Frieda Rheinheimer, Goshen, Ind., Jan. 16, 1975

Mary Rohrer, 94, North Lima, Ohio, April 20, 1975

Edith Elizabeth Pfoutz Roop, 80, Linwood, Md., Feb. 13, 1975

Sarah Rudisill, 93, Troy, Ohio, May 18, 1975

Amandus Sala, Goshen, Ind., June 23, 1974

Mattie Dulaney Salmons, 59, Floyd, Va., Dec. 22, 1974

Edgar Millard Salmons, 62, Floyd, Va., Feb. 18, 1975

Burton K. Sherrick, 72, Middleton, Mich., May 19, 1975

Roy M. Shreiner, 76, Chambersburg, Pa., April 13, 1975

Lester Slough, 69, Troy, Ohio, June 11, 1975

Clarence O. Smith, Long Beach, Calif., May 28, 1975

Virgil Speelman, 68, Akron, Ohio, May 5, 1975

Abraham Stoner, 80, Neffsville, Pa., May 5, 1975

Harvey Swihart, 74, North Manchester, Ind., May 18, 1975

Aldiabelle Tucker, 69, Pontiac, Mich., May 13, 1975

Warren W. Ulery, Goshen, Ind., May 19, 1975

Minnie Spade Vollertsen, 83, Lititz, Pa., June 7, 1975

Philip S. Weller, 76, Linwood, Md., Nov. 11, 1972

Carrie Werking, 74, York, Pa., June 5, 1975

Edward B. Wingert, 79, Greencastle, Pa., June 18, 1975

Ollie Woodie, 82, Greenville, Ohio, June 15, 1975

Mary Ellen Wren, 57, De Graff, Ohio, June 12, 1975

Hazel Bushnell Wright, 81, Chaseley, N.D., July 19, 1975

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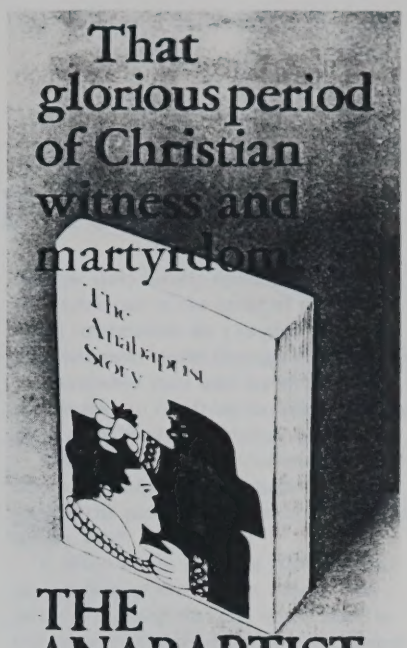

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Nashville: Making sense or fun?

Nashville: *Produced and directed by Robert Altman. Written by Joan Tewkesbury. Music arranged and supervised by Richard Baskin. A Paramount Pictures Release.*

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During a period when most American directors have been cranking out formula entertainments, Robert Altman has been experimenting with movies that are indirect, fluid, organic, free-form, and intellectually stimulating. The hallmarks of his idiosyncratic style of storytelling: overlapping dialogue, spontaneous humor and improvisation, a surplus of visual richness, and a repertory company of interesting performers. Most of his creations are what McLuhan called "cool"—films that ask the viewers to fill in the spaces, interpret the story on many levels, and make their own judgments as to the significance of the cinematic experience.

Nashville is images of America, politics, and entertainment. *Nashville* is about the connections and abrasions that sometimes take place between performers and audiences. *Nashville* is a meditation upon non-communication and the feelings of emptiness that result from it. *Nashville* is a simulation of the American Dream and how that dream is now in jeopardy.

Barbara Jean (Ronee Blakley), a country singer who can't handle being a star

Nashville is a movie capable of being anything you want it to be—one of the first do-it-yourself cinema experiences of the decade. *Nashville* is one of the best films of the year.

The meandering story line of *Nashville* spins out five days during which a political advanceman (Michael Murphy) is trying to put together a group of country music stars and celebrities for a televised Nashville rally promoting the Presidential candidacy of Hal Phillip Walker of the "Replacement Party." Among the most memorable individuals we meet during this time span are Barbara Jean (Ronee Blakley), a popular country singer who can't handle the burdens of being a star; Linnea Reese (Lily Tomlin), a gospel singer who is seeking her own kind of good news; L. A. Joan (Shelley Duvall), a groupie who can be found wherever celebrities gather; Opal (Geraldine Chaplin), a reporter from BBC-TV who is trying to ingest the Nashville experience as a picture of America; Haven Hamilton (Henry Gibson), a shrewd country and western star who knows how to get the most mileage out of the conservative business; Sueleen Gay (Gwen Welles), a waitress who thinks she has learned how to sing but is only beginning to realize the hypocrisy and brutality of show biz; Albuquerque (Barbara Harris), an aspiring country singer who has left her husband for the glory of the big time; and Mr. Green (Keenan Wynn), an old man who just doesn't understand the glitter, energy, and competition of the place. These are just some of the individuals who in their own ways are caught up in the fairy tale world of Nashville. The city isn't the world but it's the way we think about the world. And that's one reason why Altman's film is so important.

Processing Nashville

1. On the most basic level of all *Nashville* is about image-making. Politics and entertainment are both realms of illusion. Someone once called them the restless individual's mysticism. Share reactions in your group to the campaign propaganda of Hal Phillip Walker and some of the country and western songs dealing with American history. What images of America are they trying to convey? Do you believe these pitches?

2. A celebrity is a person known for being well known. Individuals hoping to become stars usually imitate celebrities as if they were cast in the mold of greatness. What impressions do you gain about the entertainment world through Altman's mix of established stars and aspiring singers? Is the longing to rise from darkness into the glare of publicity a universal one?

3. Out of the twenty-four characters in the movie, which ones engage your sympathies the most? Which ones rub you the wrong way?

4. What scenes pinpoint Altman's understanding of the shift in values from truth to coverup that has taken place in our society? Which characters try hardest to keep up their image?

5. What is the dynamic at work as the performers and audience assemble at the Parthenon rally? In what sense does the audience have a love hate relationship to those on stage?

6. Discuss the entire movie in terms of Daniel Boorstin's thoughts here.

We are threatened by a new and a particularly American menace . . . It is the menace of unreality. The threat of nothingness is the danger of replacing American dreams by American illusions . . . We risk being the first people in history to have been able to make their illusions so vivid, so persuasive, so "realistic" that they can live in them. We are the most illusioned people on earth. Yet we dare not become disillusioned, because our illusions are the very house in which we live; they are our news, our heroes, our adventure, our forms of art, our very experience.

7. "I wanted to do *Nashville* to study our myths and our heroes and our hypocrisy. By the time we usually get around to studying our present it's past, and the truth is buried so deep we can't even find it" (Robert Altman in a *New York Times* interview). Do you believe that American film-makers should deal with contemporary material? Has Altman succeeded in fulfilling his hopes for this movie? □

Bob Greene:

I went to see the movie *Nashville*. It is quite bad.

Normally, such an observation wouldn't qualify to run in the news section of the paper; lots of bad movies are produced every year, and evaluations of them traditionally are reserved for the

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Lynn M. Hagginbothom, licensed July 13, 1975, First Church, York, Southern Pennsylvania

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Richard Bright, from other denomination, to Altoona, 28th Street, Middle Pennsylvania

Claron Brown, to retirement, from Shelby County, Northern Plains

McKinley Coffman, to Grossnickle as interim, Mid-Atlantic

Earl Crissman, from other denomination, to Berkley, Western Pennsylvania

Gary Dill, from other denomination, to Prince of Peace, South Bend, Northern Indiana

Leroy Fogle, to Rocky Spring, Mid-Atlantic

Wayne L. Fesler, from Adrian-Fairview, Northern Ohio, to Fredericksburg, Northern Plains

K. Dwight Hargett, from Anderson, South Central Indiana, to Pleasant Dale, South Central Indiana

Ramsumair K. Harry, from Mennonite Seminary, to Garbers Church, Shenandoah

Leroy Hulvey, continues at Hiner, plus Valley Bethel, Shenandoah

Kenneth O. Holderread, from Empire, Pacific Southwest, to Manchester, 2nd Staff, South Central Indiana

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Frank Nies, to retirement, Colorado Springs, Western Plains

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A. Harrison Smith, from Garden City, Western Plains, to Center Hill, Western Pennsylvania

Leonard Stark, from Nappanee, Northern Indiana, to Lima, Ohio United Church of Christ

Fred Van Tatenhove, from Cedar, Northern Plains, Missouri, and Southern Missouri-Arkansas, to Asbury Seminary, Kentucky

Robert Walters, resigned Phoenix First, Pacific Southwest

Charles Webb, terminating at Verdigris, Western Plains

Allen Weldy, resigned Wakarusa, Northern Indiana

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Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Allman, Scottsdale, Ariz., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Bacon, Scottsdale, Ariz., 50

Mr. and Mrs. James Bechtel, Roaring Spring, Pa., 50

Mr. and Mrs. L. Courtney Bolger, Martinsburg, Pa., 54

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Boyer, Hutchinson, Kans., 65

Mr. and Mrs. Tobias Corle, Martinsburg, Pa., 51

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Edwards, Harrisonburg, Va., 50

Mr. and Mrs. William Fralin, Roanoke, Va., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Green, Kokomo, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holsinger, Martinsburg, Pa., 50

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Meyers, Fresno, Calif., 60

Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Michael, Bryan, Ohio, 65

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Miller, Mt. Morris, Ill., 55

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Morris, Churubusco, Ind., 55

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ober, Ashley, Ind., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schmidt, Modesto, Calif., 50

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shaffer, Akron, Ohio, 50

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Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Wareham, Roaring Spring, Pa., 52

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Ella Allison, 93, Johnstown, Pa., May 15, 1975

Icy Atkins, Bridgewater, Va., June 27, 1975

Wilfred James Barnhart, 58, Springfield, Ohio, June 26, 1975

Clara Beach, 82, Clarence, Mo., July 23, 1975

Earl Bennett, 84, Akron, Ohio, June 13, 1975

Dorsey Berkebile, 87, Johnstown, Pa., May 1, 1975

Edna Detter Boaz, 84, La Verne, Calif., July 10, 1975

L. Courtney Bolger, 79, Martinsburg, Pa., June 17, 1975

Helen Frances Via Bower, 61, Pulaski, Va., June 1975

Catherine Wampler Bowers, 63, Bridgewater, Va., April 7, 1975

Grace Rebecca Cline Bowman, 78, Harrisonburg, Va., June 1, 1975

Helen Boxler, 61, Johnston, Pa., June 22, 1975

Frank S. Carper, 82, Palmyra, Pa., May 25, 1975

Gladys M. Carper, 61, Martinsburg, Pa., March 4, 1975

Mac Charters, 75, Peru, Ind., June 9, 1975

Ida Kate Clemens, 91, Richmond, Mo., July 20, 1975

John Corbett, 80, Mt. Morris, Ill., July 14, 1975

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Anna Little Fritz, 78, Westminster, Md., May 23, 1975

John Good, 80, Greenville, Ohio, June 30, 1975

Vera Hoch, 59, Huntington, Ind., Jan. 24, 1975

Gertrude Hollinger, 81, York, Pa., June 14, 1975

Freeda Holsinger, 67, McPherson, Kans., July 17, 1975

Fred Hoover, 60, Akron, Ohio, June 20, 1975

David Hummel, 89, Westminster, Md., April 7, 1975

Doug Hummel, 15, Westminster, Md., April 7, 1975

Reba F. Isenberg, 68, Martinsburg, Pa., July 16, 1975

Nellie Kidwell, 87, Leonard, Mo., July 13, 1975

George P. Kirst, 74, Fredericksburg, Pa., March 17, 1975

Grace Kline, Norwitch, Conn., May 15, 1975

Ethel W. Kurtz, 93, La Verne, Calif., July 19, 1975

Ruth Laprad, 63, Delphi, Ind., July 2, 1975

Miriam Lee, 59, Trotwood, Ohio, May 29, 1975

George Liddle, 68, Carrington, N.D., May 24, 1975

Pauline Stover McKinney, 75, Westminster, Md., June 30, 1975

Mary Thomas Miller, 89, Staunton, Va., June 28, 1975

Addison P. Musselman, 93, Sebring, Fla., July 5, 1975

Daniel R. Myer, 83, Leola, Pa., July 1, 1975

Karen H. Neumann, 32, Silver Spring, Md., June 9, 1975

John S. Nicodemus, 93, Martinsburg, Pa., July 8, 1975

Lowell Noffsinger, 56, Warren, Ind., June 19, 1975

Ira Rathel, 76, Bethel, Pa., March 31, 1975

Steve Reed, 18, Cloverdale, Va., May 27, 1975

Alice Renninger, 89, McKeytown, Pa., June 13, 1975

Catherine Replogle, 82, Martinsburg, Pa., June 27, 1975

Clarence B. Rhodes, 89, Martinsburg, Pa., Feb. 28, 1975

Francis Robcette, 56, Cumberland, Md., June 14, 1975

Hunter Rogers, 63, Port Republic, Va., Dec. 2, 1974

Charles Alton Rohrbach, 65, Parker Ford, Pa., June 11, 1975

Raymond Royer, 77, Lebanon, Pa., July 17, 1975

Gertrude Whipple Schlotman, 89, Carrington, N.D., June 16, 1975

Fannie Scott, 76, Ashland, Ohio, June 14, 1975

Bula Seitz, Nickerson, Kans., July 17, 1975

Mabelle K. Sell, 74, Martinsburg, Pa., May 4, 1975

Maggie V. Shaffer, 83, Friedens, Pa., June 7, 1975

Mildred Shaffer, 61, York, Pa., Aug. 5, 1975

Ruth Shaffer, 64, Akron, Ohio, June 1975

Vance Shaver, 40, Baltimore, Md., May 5, 1975

Marvin O. Showalter, 80, Harrisonburg, Va., June 27, 1975

Irene Smith, 61, Mentor, Ohio, June 2, 1975

Laurence Spotts, New Madison, Ohio, July 27, 1975

Elizabeth Stanley, 85, Cloverdale, Va., June 27, 1975

Keith Stanley, 42, Marion, Ohio, July 10, 1975

Harry Stokes, 51, Ambler, Pa., March 21, 1975

Clarence Stout, 74, Hagerstown, Ind., Aug. 17, 1975

James F. Swallow, 91, Santa Rosa, Calif., Sept. 7, 1975

Callie Tibbs, 70, Cloverdale, Va., July 4, 1975

Lelah Trail, 70, Cumberland, Md., July 2, 1975

Edgar Turner, Klamath Falls, Ore., July 22, 1975

Marjorie Via, 54, Hollansburg, Ohio, July 21, 1975

Delia Belle Wagner, 99, Clarksburg, W. Va., Aug. 7, 1975

Floyd R. Wagoner, 80, Greenville, Ohio, July 19, 1975

Florence Wallace, 92, New Brighton, Pa., July 6, 1975

Theodore E. Whitacre, 42, Woodbridge, Va., July 29, 1975

Flossie Neff Whitehead, 76, New Paris, Ind., Aug. 3, 1975

we have contaminated water and air with pollutants; we have ruined the soil with archaic agricultural methods.

Our dealings with these first Americans has been even more obscene. We've made a nation of alcoholics of the American Indians by ridiculing their religious practices, stealing their land and robbing them of their ability to provide for themselves, forcing them to live on patches of unwanted land and completely destroying their identity.

We signed treaties with the Indians but took back our pieces of paper and ignored our word when it served our purpose. We looked on Indian men as savage while raping Indian women. We committed mass murder in its most horrendous form.

To put an insertion in Carolyn's words: "The present (American) way of life has been arrived at at the cost of millions of lives. Whole classes were exterminated so that only those who were willing to cooperate could live. Does this sound Christian? Is this the way God works in history?"

Jesus gave us a warning that it is pure folly to attempt to remove the speck from our brother's eye when we have a plank in our own. When it comes to analyzing international situations we Americans often have a barge full of logs in our eyes.

The point is, we Americans have blood on our hands too. □

Judy Hubbell

No rash notions on woman's role

When we think of the person called "woman," immediately certain images come to mind—wife, mother, daughter, homemaker and perhaps business person or professional. That person is also an individual.

Along with these images go certain roles which greatly elaborate what she does. Scripturally we find in Proverbs 31 that a virtuous woman has many varied roles, some of which we, as Christians, have taken away from her. Of course, the traditional role of homemaker includes the care of her family's food and clothing needs, and the home itself. But if we look closely we find this woman also has an important role as a business person who is given the right to make certain decisions.

Verse 16: "She considers a field and buys it; from her earnings she plants a vineyard." Notice the woman is the one who considers and buys the field. Obviously then, she must be wise in the way of the world, decisive, and a manager. Too often we have taken this type of task away from a woman saying it does not fit into the "ideal woman image."

Many have taken Peter's admonishment for wives to be submissive to their husbands as relegating them to an inferior position. But as we can see in Proverbs 31, a woman has an extremely powerful and certainly not inferior position. Unfortunately it took something like the Women's Liberation Movement to reawaken many of us to the capabilities and rights a woman has within herself and society.

God has set certain guidelines within the boundaries of which we are given freedom to act out desires. Otherwise all the demands for time, energy, and abilities would create chaos within each individual woman's life. If we put Christ in the center of our lives everything will have order and life's dimensions will be deeper and richer. In seeking to do what the Lord would have us do, there is an infinite variety of directions our lives as women can go. In the Lord, we are given many more role options and certainly more freedom.

Attempting to be in the Lord's will affects our attitudes. Each mundane task can somehow be used to glorify God in our lives and as a result the time devoted to those tasks diminishes. As an example: A friend of ours hated housework with a passion, particularly because it took time from the thing she enjoyed doing most—sewing. As a result, she could spend the whole day cleaning with few visible results. After a class study on Proverbs 31, she turned her attitude and her housecleaning over to the Lord. Now she has reorganized her home for greater efficiency and cleaning only takes a couple of hours. In turn, the Lord gave her more time for the things she enjoys. Cleaning is no longer hateful.

To me, then, a woman's primary role is to be where the Lord wants her at that time in her life. It may be at home taking care of her husband, her children or home. Or it might be in the business world as the Lord's emissary. There can be no rash generalizations about every woman staying at home and not working. However, every woman should seek God's will before making any decision. Much of what we as women do is in a supportive role, but imagine what would happen to a building if its support pillars were removed. □

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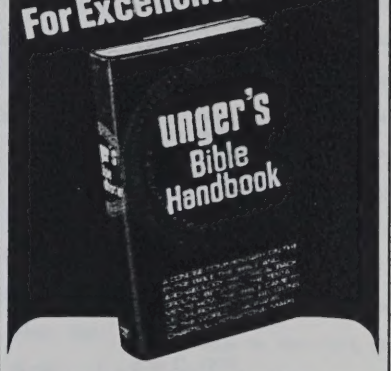

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Loss of motivation for constructive effort or acceptance of restraints are often noted.

Is the use of a drug that produces pathological thinking and loss of moral principles compatible with Christian living? Is it right to place temptation in the way of children by welcoming into the church fellowship users of a drug who tend to push its use on others? Are there no limits of depravity of thought or action acceptable to and for followers of Christ?

If the church continues to turn its back on the problem of mind-impairing drugs, the church's image as a servant of Christ and his way of life is bound to suffer. Will people continue to believe that the church does actually care anything about how persons behave or what kind of life they live if it does not deal with this growing cause of pathological action?

Let us consider what measures may be needed in view of the strong pressures in our present environment toward the non-medical use of drugs. Following are some which may be examined for our church's drug policy:

1. Drug education, including the serious findings of scientific research, now may be a necessary function for churches. A committee to coordinate such education might be considered.

2. Bills now before Congress (HR 6108 and S 450) and various state legislatures for the purpose of decriminalizing marijuana possession deserve to be brought to the immediate attention of all church members and examined in view of their potential for multiplying drug use and pressures on the church's young people, as well as upon others. Efforts to contact legislators as soon as possible need to be organized and encouraged.

3. Positions may need to be taken by local churches and denominations regarding the use of marijuana and other mind-impairing drugs.

4. Organization of non-users of cannabis drugs and narcotics throughout our society for the purpose of educational and political action is a great service mission for individual Christians.

Do we who like to consider ourselves as followers of Christ actually care if lives are being ruined, religious organizations undermined, and whole nations depressed by the use of mind-warping drugs? If we do care, our deeds will show it. □

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Nils C. Brubaker, of Garrett Park, Md., to Poland.

Catherine L. Burrows, of Covina, Calif., to Church of the Brethren Home, Windber, Pa.

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Robert F. Breneman

Keep in religion but not politics

I am writing as a Brethren but also as a life member of the National Rifle Association in protest to your editorial of this past August. You are using your freedom of the press to try to take mine and millions of other law abiding sportsmen's "right to bear arms" freedom away, also given us under the Constitution.

You are foolishly suggesting putting a band-aid on a cancerous sore by outlawing handguns, not realizing that punks will always get guns and the Mafia will get rich selling them and they'll know we will be at their mercy, because we turned in our handguns.

I use my .44 magnum and other guns for the big game hunting that I enjoy, and also for the protection of my home and family. I have a permit to carry it and the local police are glad for our cooperation. It's easy for people like Philadelphia's Mayor Rizzo to have no need for a handgun for protection. He uses police bodyguards, at a $1000 a day for the Philadelphia taxpayers to foot the bill.

Let's punish the criminal, not the gun, and we have enough laws now to do it if we enforce them. A Chicago police sergeant said that 40,000 persons committed crimes in Cook County last year while out on bail for other crimes. There is obviously something radically wrong with our judicial system. What deterrent is left? We took away the death penalty (The Supreme Court did).

A San Francisco police lieutenant said that alcohol was a factor in most of their homicides. Alcohol, and also dope, which is smuggled in by the Mafia at great profit, are the biggest factors in crime. Also in many auto fatalities. But I don't see any great public outcry by the Brethren Church to outlaw alcohol, and there are laws on dope, but how effective are they?

The NRA has proposed a mandatory extra prison sentence for anyone convicted of a felony while armed, a simple deterrent, but our lawmakers (and Brethren) won't listen!

There are incompetent people driving two-ton autos down the street who shouldn't be driving. Why doesn't the Brethren Church try to have these people removed from the street? Because they'd rather take our handguns!

Autos kill people, let's ban *them!* Or, do *people* kill *people?*

If our church contributions are going to support to ban our handguns, then I propose that the sportsmen in the Brethren church, and there are many, withdraw our monetary support of the church.

It's the same as the sportsmen advocating banning freedom of worship.

There is nothing the criminals and the communists would like better than a disarmed public, easy pickings. After you got our handguns, then come rifles, shotguns, bows and arrows and then what . . . knives and hatchets? Let's be realistic and call a spade a spade and get to the root of the problem and not try to punish *all* gun owners and presume we're guilty until proven innocent. Let's keep our churches in religion, and not politics. □

Johannes Wilkening

German BVSer reflects on USA

I did not come to America out of a desire for adventure, but in order to see and learn how this society, which influences the entire world, functions. It also seemed important to me to get to know a culture and way of life different from that of Europe. In this, lies, in my view, a significant part of our service for peace—being together with people. Our work is often very unsatisfying and frustrating, and often bears no immediately visible fruits. Even when our attempts are many, the results of our labor, like drops of water on a hot stone, evaporate all too fast. But cross-cultural experiences and the new perspectives gained from them never evaporate.

During part of my service in a summer camp in Ohio, I experienced, when talking with children about Germany, that it was more interesting for everyone to exchange questions and thoughts rather than for me to carry on a long, tiring monologue. This kind of dialogue involved the children in my own learning process and me in theirs, thus giving more significance to our total exchange.

At this point, I would like to relate some experiences and impressions of mine during my stay in the United States:

Training: I enjoyed a four-week training with Brethren Volunteer Service—being together and getting acquainted with people of my age and of similar motivations, but from a totally different surrounding; becoming familiar with language, new surroundings, climate, and people.

Chicago: As a community organizer in Chicago, I experienced slum conditions in a large American city—specifically the hard life and resident apathy of a white uptown slum area and the relative ineffectiveness and resulting high frustration level of this kind of work. I learned here how it is to *have* to live in poverty, decay, and drugs, and how much strength and energy it takes to fight against not only this but also the speculations of the local landlords and politicians.

Black-white conflict: I learned that it is not possible to solve racial conflicts in the US in the way I had imagined in Germany, i.e., that all people be treated the same. Instead, I learned that it is necessary to allow people to determine for themselves their own culture and respective needs and that the society and government should at least provide adequate support toward such self-determination.

Welfare: Through my work with welfare recipients in Chicago, I experienced the brutality of America's medical and social system (or lack of it) in which it is possible for people to starve.

Poverty and wealth: I was made aware of the contrast between rich and poor as I visited some relatives in the suburbs. I was quite shocked at their abundant and luxurious life—a huge house, one car per person, great sums of money for the children—who attend private schools.

Peoples of one land: I was amazed at the multiplicity of landscapes and cultures in America, from the highly developed industrial cultures to the primitive and exploited peoples of Appalachia.

And something that really surprised me: How very much Germany is on the same course as the United States: environmental pollution; automobile overkill; no deposit no return; decadence! □

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